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APRIL SMILES.

April smiles and April showers
Wake our mother earth;
Bring new life in springtime flowers,
And cause the vernal birth.

The robin's joyous song is heard
From many a bush and tree,
And every flower and every bird
Is joy to you and me.

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ABOUT CANNAS.

THE IMPROVED CANNAS are among the most attractive and satisfactory of bedding plants. The beds have tropical foliage, grow well in any rich, moist,

sunny bed, branch, and bear huge spikes of rich-colored flowers that often measure more than six inches across. Started in March and bedded out when danger from frost is past the plants begin to bloom early in summer, and keep up the display until the frosts of autumn.

Cannas are propagated either from seeds or by division of the clumps. Seedlings begin to bloom the first year, and a fine mixed bed can be produced from them. The seeds are rather tardy in germination unless dropped in scalding water till the hard outer cover bursts, then taken out and planted. Some file through the covering. Many persons, however, plant the seeds without treating them, and meet with

good success. By starting plants from seeds choice varieties are often found, and it was by this means that the beautiful named Cannas used for beds were produced. To have the most effective display, however, it is better to plant named varieties, which are increased by dividing the clumps. These come in green and bronze foliage, and vary in color from white to rich crimson. Among the best for beds in the different colors are Pennsylvania, four and a half feet high, with green foliage and big clusters of huge scarlet flowers; King Humbert, five feet high, bronze foliage, huge crimson clusters; Richard Wallace, four feet high, with fine yellow clusters; and Florence Vaughan, three and a half feet high, with fine clusters of flowers, golden yellow-spotted red.

The bed should be prepared by spading deep, at the same time incorporating well-decayed stable manure with it. See that it is in a warm, sunny exposure, and when Nature does not water copiously, add to the supply. The plants should be set 18 inches apart. They like an abundance of water. On the approach of hot weather they will be benefited by a liberal mulching of stable litter. As the flowers fade cut them off, this will insure continued bloom.

When frost spoils the bed cut the tops off, after a rain, lift the

clumps with a portion of the wet soil adhering, dry well, then place on a hanging shelf in a dry, frost-proof cellar. Examine them occasionally. If too dry, sprinkle; if too wet, air.



CANNA IN BLOOM.

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A FLORIDA WILD FLOWER.

EARLY in last September a letter reached me from a subscriber in Florida, of which the following is the substance:

Mr. Editor:—I live at Tampa, Florida, in such a low place that very few flowers can stand the scalding they get during the rainy season. But the enclosed pressed specimen is of a native flower, and I wish you would kindly name it. I have lived in almost all parts of Georgia and Florida, and have always closely observed the wild flowers, but have never seen flowers like these anywhere except at the edge of a Cypress swamp not far from Tampa. The plant begins to bloom when three inches high, and keeps growing until three feet high. The foliage is dark green, and has remained so for two years. The blossoms appear in August, in clusters, and are of a lovely shade of rich blue. The flowers in the cluster do not all open at once, but keep opening for weeks. They last but a day, and have no fragrance, for which I am glad, for the odor of most flowers is disagreeable to me. I see none of these plants at the swamp this year. I think the overflow of water killed them. But I have a few plants in pots, that are blooming. If I succeed in saving seeds I shall send you some.



Sarah L. Lawson.

Tampa, Fla., Aug. 31, 1911.

An examination of the specimen revealed plainly the characteristics of *Hydrolea corymbosa*, and the little sketch was made to give the reader some idea of the appearance of the pretty foliage and flowers. The lovely blue color was retained in the pressed specimen, and lying before me as I write I cannot but admire its rich beauty. The plant is surely worth cultivating.

Red Spider.—From Kansas a complaint comes about a pest the size of a chicken mite, which forms a web and breeds in it. Many remedies have been tried, but without success. The mite is doubtless the pest known as red spider. When foliage is badly infested it is well to strip the leaves off and burn them, then syringe with hot suds made from whale-oil soap. The presence of the insects indicate that the atmosphere is too dry and hot for the health of the plants. Frequent syringing and moistening the atmosphere will soon eradicate the pest.



RED SPIDER.

Dividing a Fern.—A subscriber in Virginia has a Boston Fern that fills a gallon pot, and she wants to know if it can be divided without injury, and what time is best to make the division. It will do no injury to carefully divide the plant, and the best time to do the work is in the spring, when all nature begins to revive and the weather favors growth. Leaf-mould and sand with good drainage will develop fine plants, if given partial shade and copious supplies of water during summer.

Calla Lily Pests.—When a Calla Lily is infested with lice or scale, sponge the leaves well with hot soap suds, rubbing the scale loose, thus cleansing the leaves and stems. After this, syringe them with hot soap suds twice a week until the pest is banished. Chopped tobacco stems placed over the pot will prevent another attack.

Otaheite Orange.—This plant will thrive in a compost of equal parts sand, fibrous loam and well-rotted manure, the whole well mixed. It should be grown in full sunshine, but water freely when growing, and do not let the sun shine hot against the sides of the pot. During winter, while inactive, water sparingly.

Aphis on Sweet Peas.—When the Aphis troubles Sweet Peas, dust the vines with pyrethrum powder or fine tobacco dust, applying with a little bellows. The material, with bellows, can mostly be obtained at a drug store under the name of insect powder. Suds from home-made soap, hotter than the hand will bear, applied with a syringe is also recommended. With either remedy several applications at intervals of two or three days will be necessary to eradicate the pest.

Crimson Rambler.—This Rose is sometimes troubled with mildew, which appears as a "white scum" over the leaves and buds. If lime and sulphur are incorporated with the surface soil it will be found beneficial. Also a fine spray of salt-water, so applied that the foliage will be covered, will tend to eradicate the disease. Equal parts of lime and sulphur dusted upon the affected foliage is also a remedy.

"White Worms."—When these appear in the soil it indicates that the soil is water-logged and sour. Withhold water until the earth is almost dry, then water with hot lime-water, applying the liquid until it drips freely from the drainage hole at the bottom. This will overcome the acidity, and banish the pest.

RHEXIA VIRGINICA.

THIS NATIVE flower, known as Deer Grass and Meadow Beauty, abounds in some sections, and its rich purplish-pink, four-petaled flowers, an inch or more across, suggest a bright-colored Evening Primrose. The petals are of short duration, but the bright stamens remain, and continue the beauty of the plant. The capsules appear like little cream pitchers, and the small seeds are coiled up in them like miniature snail-shells. I give the little illustrations to acquaint you with the general appearance of a blooming branch and flower, and the following verses, written and sent me by Mr. Wilber Lincoln, of Concord, Massachusetts, referring to the beauty and ephemeral character of the flower, will be appreciated by those who know the plant:



RHEXIA VIRGINICA.

The beauty of the meadows
Is dear to every heart.
Who loves the lights and shadows
Its glowing lips impart.
But those who stop to linger
Along the river's side,
Should think well 'ere they gather
The Mountain's chosen bride.

Upright Gloxinia.—The Gloxinias now so popular as summer-blooming plants are mostly hybrids, one of the parents being a species of *Sinningia*, a closely related genus. Recently very beautiful flowering plants have been developed, in which the characters of *Sinningia* predominate, and the seeds and tubers are offered under the name of *Sinningia hybrida*. An upright, branching plant bearing clusters of showy, scarlet flowers is known as *Gloxinia gesnerioides*. This is a misnomer, however, as the plant is said to have originated from a species of *Sinningia* crossed with *Gesnera Donkelaariana*. The tree-like or branching form appears in *Gloxinia* hybrids, but not often, and when it does it excites some attention.

Calla Lily.—When the Calla Lily becomes spindling, it is often because the tubers have become too deep in the soil. Repot it, setting an inch beneath the surface, and when summer comes, bed it out in a shady place until autumn. This will give it a rest and promote a healthy growth, after being repotted.

Bulb Maggot.—A subscriber in Washington State complains of a maggot that has destroyed her bulbs of *Amaryllis*. She can get rid of the pest by scraping the parts affected and dusting with a mixture of lime and red pepper.

SUMMER CHRYSANTHEMUM.

FROM FLORIDA, N. Y., comes a pressed leaf with the following note:

Mr. Editor:—Enclosed you will find a pressed leaf of a plant of which I would like to know the name. The plant grows two feet high, branching, and bearing throughout the summer single flowers with a dark brown centre. The leaves as well as the flowers are fragrant. Does it grow from seeds or cuttings?—S. E. Gapinski, Feb. 14, 1911.

The form and fragrance of the leaf, as well as the description given indicate that the plant is a single-flowered Summer or Annual Chrysanthemum. The plants are easily raised from seeds, and bloom early and freely. They are excellent for a summer bed. If started in mid-summer they make fine pot plants for winter-blooming. There are many varieties varying in habit, color and form, double as well as single. A mixture of the varieties can be obtained of most seedsmen at 5 cents.



SUMMER CHRYSANTHEMUM.

Mealy Bug.—A subscriber at Woodstown, New Jersey, describes an insect which has been troubling her Primroses and Callas,



MEALY BUG.

and from her description the pest is Mealy Bug, a species of *Coccus*. To get rid of it pick off and destroy all that can be seen, then syringe the plants with quassia-chips tea somewhat hotter than the hand will bear. Do not be satisfied with one syringing, but apply the liquid several times, at intervals of two or three days. Once rid of the pest place chopped tobacco-stems or some quassia chips over the surface soil about the plant, and you will not be further troubled.

Ficus Elastica.—This is the Rubber Plant. It thrives in any good, porous compost with good drainage. Give it plenty of pot-room, water freely while growing and sparingly while resting. Keep in a sunny situation, and shield the sides of the pot from the hot sun-rays. When the leaves turn yellow it is mostly an indication that the roots are suffering from some unfavorable condition of the soil.

Fern Turning Brown.—A sister in Wayne County complains that her Scott Fern is turning brown, having dark brown shining spots on the under side of the fronds. The brown spots are evidently the "seeds" or spores, and are a natural product of the plant. If you do not care for these "seeds" cut the fronds off at the ground. Such pruning will invigorate the plant.

BRYOPHYLLUM CALYCINUM**FOR A DRY BANK.**

A LEAF of this plant accompanied the following note from a subscriber at Greene, New York:

Mr. Editor:—I send you a leaf of a tender plant which I have, and ask you for its name, native place, and if it blooms. My plant is a year old,



FIG. 1. LEAF OF BRYOPHYLLUM CALYCINUM.

and is two and a half feet high. The leaves are simple at the base, but compound above, having two or more leaflets to each leaf-stem. All growth is from the center of the top. The leaves are alternate. The plant is in a six-inch pot.—E.A.J., N. Y.

The plant is *Bryophyllum Calycinum*, an evergreen shrub from India, belonging to the Natural Order *Crasulaceæ*. It is of branching habit, and has fleshy crenated leaves that, when detached and hung up, will form little plants along the margin, as indicated in figure 1. When grown in a four-inch pot in full sunshine the plant will bloom, the flowers coming in large clusters, drooping and bell-like. Figure 2, represents a cluster of the flowers. They are green with a reddish tinge. They are curious, and rather showy and handsome.



FIG. 2. FLOWER CLUSTER.

Failures with Bulbs.—Bulbs placed in a dark closet to root should have a temperature neither hot nor cold, in order to push out roots. Unless well-rooted the buds are liable to blast. Another requisite is a moist atmosphere. If removed from the closet to a hot, dry, sunny window, the sudden change may cause the buds to blast. Avoid a sudden change. Bring the pots gradually to the light, and see that the temperature is rather cool and moist than hot and dry. With proper attention to temperature and changes, it will be a rare thing to have blasted buds, especially with *Hyacinths* and *Narcissus*.

Peachblow Hibiscus.—This plant is hardy at the South, but must be treated as a pot plant at the North. It is about as hardy as a *Zonale Geranium*. It can be kept in a dry, frost-proof, well-lighted cellar in winter. Kept in the window it will often bloom well in winter. Young plants are easily propagated from cuttings in the summer.

FOR A RATHER STEEP, sunny bank, or where the soil becomes very dry in summer, the dwarf, trailing *Sedum* is well adapted. The plants start readily from bits of the tops inserted six inches apart in the soil in the spring. They will soon spread and make a lovely green carpet. If a taller and blooming plant is desired, or if the bank is formed of dry, shifting soil, as ashes, a better plant is *Saponaria officinalis*. This plant will establish itself and hold a bank having a tendency to wash out, forming a sod of roots and tops. Still another plant that is useful and beautiful in such a situation is *Oenothera Missouriensis*, and *Oenothera Lamarckiana*. Both of these Evening Primroses will grow where many other plants would die, as they sink their roots deeply in the soil, and will thrive in a soil too poor to develop ordinary plants. All of these plants can be grown from seeds, costing five cents per packet.



O. MISSOURIENSIS.

Slacked Lime.—A Cleveland subscriber asks, "What is slacked lime?" If she will notice where plastering is being done she will see men stirring a white steaming liquid in preparing the mortar. This is lime, which comes as burnt stones, and is being slacked by pouring water over it. In slacking, it brings the water to boiling heat, when much water is applied. For garden purposes the lime is slacked into powder form. It is excellent to sweeten and loosen the soil, kill worms and insect pests, destroy fungus germs and bring the elements into available condition for the use of plants. Apply it moderately, stirring it thoroughly into the surface soil. It should be generally used.

Calla Buds not Opening.—When *Calla* buds do not open set the plant near to the glass in a sunny window, and keep the soil moist but not wet. When a *Calla* flower fades you will find another bud close to the stem at the ground, and if the stem is cut away without injuring the bud you will soon have another flower. Use a fertilizer moderately, as too much will injure the roots.



CALLA LILY.

Pot Hydrangeas.—These need a season of rest. When plants are bought in autumn the leaves will turn yellow and drop off. At this time water sparingly, and keep in a cool but frost-proof place. Toward spring bring them to the window and begin watering, and the flower clusters will soon appear.

MYRTUS COMMUNIS.

MR. EDITOR:—I enclose a slip from a plant that I wish you would name for us. It was brought here from New York several years ago, but no person knows its name. It has always been grown as a house plant, and I presume it is not hardy. It grows in the form of a bush or tree, not over two feet high, but of very good form, with dark green, shining leaves, and at times is covered with small white blossoms. What is it?—Mrs. E. D. Hatch, Vt.

The little branch enclosed contained buds and flowers as well as foliage, and from these

the name was readily determined as *Myrtus Communis*. It is an exotic evergreen shrub from south Europe, and would not be hardy in a severe climate. It belongs to the natural order Myrtaceæ, the Myrtle blooms. It is easily grown as a pot plant, and prized for its pleasingly scented foliage,

as well as for its profusion of pretty flowers. A peculiar characteristic of the buds and flowers is the two little narrow bracts that appear at the base of each. The leaves are very dense and graceful, and the flowers are solitary, issuing from the leaf-axils. The plants are easily raised from seeds. The genus is an old one, and belongs to the Labiate or Mint family. The little illustration was drawn from the specimen received, and represents the leaves, flowers and buds, while the large sketch of the bud shows the bracts referred to.

For Boxes between Porch Columns.—

The best plant for boxes between porch columns is the Bedding *Petunia* of the rarer varieties. Some of the new shades and variegations are exquisite, and the plants bloom freely and continuously, and do not mind sun nor wind. Simply give good soil and plenty of water while growing and blooming. If the faded flowers are cut off, so that seeds will not form, also the branches curtailed as they become long, the bloom will be all the better. The plants are easily produced from seeds, sown in boxes early in spring, or in the open ground later.

Calla.—If your *Calla Lily* fails to bloom, bed it in a sunny place in the garden as soon as danger from frost is past, and let Nature care for it during summer. In autumn lift and pot it, and if well rested while in the bed it will soon show buds. When the bloom fades, cut the stem near the ground and a second flower will develop.

Cyclamen.—The improved varieties of Persian *Cyclamen* embrace nearly all shades from white to dark, rich crimson, as well as variegated, and there are also crested, fringed and double-flowered kinds. All are easily grown from seeds, and the plants will usually bloom in from 15 to 18 months after the seedlings appear above ground.

VALLOTA PURPUREA.

A SUBSCRIBER sends pressed flowers of this lovely amaryllis-like pot plant, asking for the name, and some information concerning it. The plant is bulb-

ous, with strap-shaped leaves, and throws up a strong stem bearing at its summit an umbel-like cluster of purplish red flowers, as represented in the little engraving: It is of easy culture, sure to bloom, and but rarely seen, though if its beauty were known it would become popular. The bulbs are mostly sold at 25 cents each, a merely nominal sum that almost anyone could afford to pay. Potting can be done



VALLOTA PURPUREA.

either in spring or fall, the soil used being fibrous loam and sand, with charcoal drainage. After blooming and completing its growth the bulb must have a rest, during which time water sparingly.

For North and East Windows.



ABUTILON MESOPOTAM.

—*Abutilon Mesopotamicum*, *Crassula cordata*, *Lopesia rosea*, *Mesembrianthemum grandiflorum*, *Calla* and *Primroses* will all bloom well in north and east windows. For hanging baskets or bracket pots use *Kenilworth Ivy*, *Saxifraga sarmentosa*, *Wandering Jew*, and *Asparagus Sprengeri*. For vines, use *Parlor Ivy*. The chief requirement for these plants is a moist, even temperature. They will all do well with but little if any sun.

A Good Fertilizer.—Finely ground bonedust or bonemeal is perhaps the most desirable fertilizer for blooming pot plants. Sift it over the surface and stir it into the soil. For foliage plants pulverized sheep manure can hardly be excelled. Some florists prefer this also for flowering plants. It is applied in the same way as the bonedust.

Starting Cypress and Salvia.—

Seeds of both *Cypress Vine* and *Salvia splendens* are liable to rot in the ground, especially if the soil is tenacious, and kept very moist. Use sandy soil, and water rather sparingly. *Cypress Vine* will start in from five to ten days, and *Salvia splendens* in from two to three weeks after sowing.

ABOUT PÆONIES.

THE OLD-FASHIONED Red Pæony is *P. officinalis*, which has been in cultivation from the middle of the sixteenth century. It is a native of southern Europe. *Pæonia tenuifolia* is from Transylvania, and was introduced in 1765. It grows a foot high, has lovely fine-cut foliage, and the flowers appear early in spring. The Tree Pæony is from China and Japan. It was introduced in 1789. The buds develop early, and are not hardy enough to endure severe frost, so that, unless protected by a covering, the buds are ruined. The plant, however, is perfectly hardy, and grows in shrubby form to the height of three feet. *Pæonia albiflora* is a handsome species from Siberia, sometimes called *Pæonia edulis*, because the



PÆONIES.

roots are used as food in its native land. Flowers of the species are pure white and single, but under the care of the skillful florist it has become the parent of a race differing greatly in size, color and fragrance, known as Chinese Pæonies. The species was introduced in 1548. The beautiful varieties now so popular, are mostly double, and range in color from white to crimson, as well as variegated. There are cream-colored flowers, and it is said a pure golden yellow sort is known in France, but it is a novelty. All Pæonies are hardy and tenacious, and a bed of them once established will last for many years.

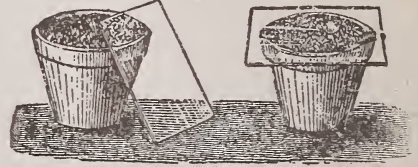
The Pæony belongs to the *Ranunculus* family, and can be propagated from seeds as well as by division. The latter is the popular method, as the seeds are sparingly produced, and often require two or three years to germinate after planting. Transplanting can be done either in fall or spring. As a rule the plants should not be disturbed for four or five years after planting.

Buttercup Oxalis.—This plant likes a rather cool, moist atmosphere, sandy, well-drained soil, and a liberal supply of water while growing and blooming. It especially resents a dry, hot atmosphere. When the house is heated with hot air, an open, shallow pan should be arranged at the register to evaporate water. This will be found beneficial for the human inmates as well as the plants.

Indian Moccasin.—This wildling, sometimes known as Lady Slipper, is known in botany as *Cypripedium acaule*. There are also other species. A subscriber from Rockford, Illinois, writes that it used to grow in that locality, but that she has not seen one there for years.

PROPAGATING GLOXINIAS.

GLOXINIAS are readily propagated from seeds, which are very small, and must be sown with care. Use sifted leaf-mold, or soil that will not bake or get hard. Press it firmly with a piece of board after sifting, then press shallow rows, sow the seeds evenly in them, and do not cover. Place a piece of board over the pot, and as soon as the plants show in the rows, replace the board with a piece of glass. Moisten the soil by



placing the pot in a pan of water. This will overcome the trouble of the seeds being carried deep into the soil, which is the case when the soil is sprinkled or watered from above. Take the pot out of the pan as soon as the soil becomes moist.

As soon as the plants are large enough prick the little plants out of the rows with the point of a narrow-bladed knife, and set them an inch apart in a shallow pot or tray. Here they may stay till they begin to crowd, then put them in three-inch pots, and shift into larger pots as they grow. Give good light at all times, but avoid hot sunshine and draughts of air or wind. These hints on propagation for seeds are also applicable to *Achimenes*, *Gesnerias*, *Tydeas*, *Begonias*, and other plants with diminutive seeds.

Propagation of *Gloxinias* can also be effected by removing the mature leaves from an old plant and placing in sand. A tuber will form at the base, which can be potted, and will soon become a plant.

Jerusalem Cherry.—When the Jerusalem Cherry (*Solanum pseudo-capsicum*)



SOLANUM.

is troubled with lice, dust the foliage with *Pyrethrum* powder or tobacco dust, applying the material with a little powder-bellows. Two or three applications at intervals of two or three days will eradicate the pest. Then place chopped tobacco stems over the soil, and the insects will not reappear.

Oxalis.—Perhaps the most desirable *Oxalis* for pots and baskets is *Oxalis arborea*, often called *O. floribunda*. It is tardily grown from seeds, but is mostly increased by division. It is the *Oxalis* seen among old-fashioned window plants, is of easy culture, with dense foliage and fine clusters of rose and white flowers. It grows well in an ordinary potting compost, in a window shielded from the mid-day sun, and in a moist, rather cool atmosphere.

A BOWER OF BLOOM AND BEAUTY.

AMONG the photographs of garden views sent me by Mrs. R. R. Trumbull, of New York, was the one of which a half-tone engraving is given on this page. It shows a charming array of Hollyhocks, Lilies, Rudbeckias and vines, with a dear little human flower as a centre-piece. This picture explains itself, as it shows how attractive the back-yard can be made by the simple arrangement and growth of a few common flowers. How much more of life can be obtained by a little attention to garden culture and the consequent enjoyment of Nature's beauty. Would that the love of Nature

LILY OF THE VALLEY.

CONVALLARIA MAJALIS, commonly known as Lily of the Valley, is a hardy perennial belonging to the Lily family, and is generally distributed over Europe, Asia and America. It is of the easiest culture, and so readily established and tenacious that it is often found growing wild. It will succeed in any soil or situation where the plants get some shade at mid-day, and will often grow and bloom freely in a bed that lacks direct sunshine. The foliage is graceful, and the flowers, which are pure white and very fragrant, are produced in handsome arching racemes during spring and early summer. The flowers are often succeeded by



YARD MADE ATTRACTIVE BY FLOWERS.

in her various forms of beauty—the flowers, the birds, the insects and animals, the rocks, and trees and mountain scenery—could be instilled into the young minds in the home and school and college, thus through life to soften and refine and elevate the selfish human element, and make all mankind nobler and happier and better. Truly, then, the whole world would be a bower of bloom and beauty.

Wonder Lemon.—To promote free-blooming, this plant should be partially dried off in autumn and given a season of six weeks of rest. Give it a sunny situation at all times, and after resting enrich the soil by a top-dressing of bonemeal, working it into the surface soil. To get rid of scale brush the pest loose and spray freely and often with hot soapsuds.

scarlet berries which are pretty and showy, and from these propagation is easily effected, as well as by division of the plants.

A deep, rich, moist soil with partial shade is most desirable. Set the plants or pips four inches apart, and the foliage and flowers will make a fine display. The bed should be reset every third year, as the plants multiply rapidly, and soon become a mat, thus interfering with the full development of the leaves and flowers. A good time to start a bed of this flower is in early spring, though fall planting is usually satisfactory. The bed will be improved by a good dressing of well-rotted manure in summer or autumn, every year. As the plants are able to take care of themselves they are desirable for cemetery planting. Imported pips are well adapted for forcing in pots in the window during winter.

EDITORIAL LETTER.

MY DEAR FRIENDS:—The present season has been tardy, and the early buds and flowers have developed slowly. In the garden only a few flowers have, as yet, appeared, such as Snowdrops and Crocuses. The fat buds of the Daffodil are showing, but have not developed far enough to reveal their golden color. But, as the sun is shining bright and clear, this Saturday afternoon (March 25th), I will invite you to go with me through the meadow, where the wild flowers and shrubbery abound and are beautiful a little later, and where the native birds still hold sway among the branches during "the leafy summer time".

At the little foot-log over the mill-race stands an Elm with long, drooping branches, and every little twig shows numerous plump, brown buds. These have been swelling for some weeks, and now betoken the pretty, fragrant blooms that will appear when the velvety brown covering drops off, and the graceful stamen-clusters sway in the morning breeze. We admire these buds, and have visions of the greater beauty that will succeed them.

Before crossing the stream we find a strong, branching plant, three feet high, dry and crisp and gray, each little stem tipped with a showy seed-vessel. What is it? Simply a common weed, but one that always cheers us in autumn with its pretty, broad foliage and golden cups. It is known in botany as *Abutilon Avicennæ*. The frosts have denuded the plant of foliage and taken its life; but the seed-vessels remain to hold the

seeds until the winds sifted them out, or until they satisfied the hunger of some little bird that continued among us to give cheer during the cold and snow of winter.



SPRING BEAUTY.

But look! Over there by the water's edge is a little Robin red-breast, hopping and picking on the sand. Is not that a sign of promise? The very sight

of it reminds us of the bird-concerts we enjoy during the early mornings of May and June, when our gardens are bright with bloom, and the air redolent with flower odors.

Reaching the grassy bank beyond the stream we find a thicket of Alders (*Alnus serulata*), the branches still set with the black seed-vessels of last autumn; but the long, tail-like bud-clusters sway from every little branch. How beautiful they will be some days later, when the brown and gold will show, and the bees hum about them in the warm sunshine.

Further on we come to an Elm with big roots that begin to expand from the trunk, and here in the slight protection furnished, the narrow, bronzy leaves of Spring Beauty (*Claytonia Virginica*) are pushing through the ground. With a small trowel we dig up a clump, showing the plump little brown bulbs hiding beneath the sod, and using their energy to develop the new foliage and flower buds. The clusters of speckled, rosy flowers on long, fleshy stems will soon decorate the spot, and add to the interest and beauty of the meadow landscape.

While we were digging for the bulbs of Spring Beauty, did you not hear the delightful concert in the big, thickly-budded EVENING PRIMROSE. Maple beyond the clump of Hawthorn trees? Why, the branches were literally covered with the graceful, shining Blackbirds that had just arrived from their far southern winter home, and were having their opening concert. Glorious, wasn't it? But when the concert was over they quickly flew to another open-air theatre, and could be heard in the distance. Now another medley is heard, more sweet and tender and beautiful, and we see the little songsters in the thicket, and among the Hawthorn branches. They are our native Song Sparrows, which give us the most pleasing and varied of bird-notes throughout the summer, and are the most tenacious and useful of the insectivorous tribe. We are charmed by their medley, and are loath to leave the spot.

Further on we notice the brown seed-clusters of Self-heal (*Brunella vulgaris*), and in fancy can see the pretty purplish bloom that we might have plucked from the plant last autumn. A clump of Goldenrod sways its silvery plumes nearby, and a step further is a dry straggling bush of the rather unsightly Clot Weed (*Xanthium Strumarium*), with its elliptical, burr-like fruits in dense clusters.

Our path now leads past a Walnut tree, beneath which are nuts that have been gnawed into and robbed of their kernels by some hungry little squirrel. Beyond this we find some tall, stiff, upright, dry stalks of Evening Primrose (*Oenothera biennis*), the branches



ALDER.

still holding the stately seed vessels, which are dry and empty, having served their purpose of bearing and disseminating the seeds by swaying to and fro with autumn and winter winds.

As we look over the meadow, I hear you ask "What are those rich, dark green, tender bunches that show so conspicuously here and there above the grass?" Well, I will tell you. They are of Garlic. They started to grow in the autumn, and are now several inches high, each bunch large enough to make a good mouthful for some cow who is looking for "greens". Do you wonder that the milk and butter tastes of Garlic in early spring, with such fine tender bunches growing in the pasture-land?

And here at our feet is another early spring adornment of the boggy meadow. It is a cluster of the showy flowers of Skunk Cabbage (*Symplocarpus foetidus*). It is a hardy bog perennial, forming its buds in the autumn, and pushing them above the ground in February and March. It is really our earliest wild flower, and is handsome and showy, there being several blooms to each clump, and the flower as large as a Calla flower, rich reddish brown with golden streaks. Like most of the Arum family, the fragrance is not pleasant, but the earliness and showiness will more than compensate for leniency when we come to criticize the fragrance.

Here is a plant erect and stately, bearing a large, oblong, spiny head at the tip of each spiny branch. It is *Dipsacus fullonum*, sometimes known as Teasel. It is odd and pretty



SKUNK CABBAGE.

in summer, and not without admiration in a dry state. We will take a branch, rub the spines from the stems and add to the bouquet we have gathered today.

How pretty and attractive are the worm-like golden blooms that decorate that clump of Hazel bushes by the water's edge. The bud-clusters began to form in autumn, and were conspicuous all

winter, but the recent warm sunshine and showers have lengthened and swelled them, and developed their rich golden color. In autumn we shall find the leafy branches bending with the oddly-covered, rich brown nuts.

But what are these brown and broken spear-like leaves? We will dig the root and see. Why they are Sweet Flag, sometimes called Calamus (*Acorus Calamus*). The plants are subterranean stems with a host of fleshy roots. The stem has a pleasing aromatic fragrance, and a pinch of it is quite pleas-

ant to the taste, and by some persons it is highly prized as a medicine.

The sun is now sinking toward the western horizon, and the breeze is becoming stronger and colder, so we will take a near way home, across the field, and pass the stone-brake to reach the stream-crossing. When we go again over this ground the flowers will be abloom and all Nature will be wreathed in smiles.

Your Friend,

LaPark, Pa., Mar. 25, 1911.

The Editor.

Lilium Lancifolium.—This Lily is perfectly hardy, but should have a well-drained, porous soil well exposed to the sun. Set the bulbs six inches deep. Bulbs purchased and set out in the spring will bloom in autumn. As warm weather approaches mulch the bed with stable litter to keep it cool and hold the moisture. Garden rubbish thrown over the bed at the beginning of winter will be found beneficial. There are many varieties of this Lily, varying more or less in color and habit. It is also known as *Lilium speciosum*.

Rex Begonia Leaves Drooping.

Leaves of Rex Begonia turn brown and drop when the atmosphere is too hot and dry, and the plants subjected to hot sunshine. The plants require a light, porous soil and good drainage, and always resent a hot atmosphere and a very sunny situation.



Water Plants.—Such plants as Water Hyacinth and Parrot Feather do well in a sunny place in a tub or pond of pure water. Attach the roots of each plant to a loose handful of sphagnum moss, before turning it loose in the water. This will furnish something to sustain the plants till they become established. These plants are inhabitants of a warm climate, and the hotter the sunshine the better they thrive.

Roses Blighting in Bud.—Some Roses, as Maiden's Blush, are liable to blight in the bud, only a few of the first buds developing. It is of benefit to remove, early in the season, all except the larger buds, and trim out the surplus branches. As a rule, however, it is better to discard Roses that do not open satisfactorily, and occupy their space with bushes that are not subject to blight.

Jasminum Revolutum.—This is a free-growing, handsome species of Jasmine, bearing pretty compound leaves, and showy, richly-scented clusters of golden flowers. It is hardy in the South, but must be grown in a pot in the window at the North.



DIPSACUS.

CHILDREN'S LETTER

I would not enter on my list of friends
(Tho' graced with polished manners and fine sense,
Yet wanting in sensibility) the man
Who needlessly sets foot upon a worm.—Cowper.



Y DEAR CHILDREN:—A few days ago I received a letter from a dear little boy who wrote, among other things, "I have a fine dog, and occasionally I take a day off and go rabbit-hunting." Now, I do not censure any little boy for thus writing, for the majority of children are given few lessons about kindness and cruelty. Hunting and taking life for sport is a habit that has come down to us from the barbarous ages, and few persons stop to think of its cruelty. This little boy doubtless loves his dog, and treats it kindly. He would feel very badly, should some animal come along and chase it, wound it and kill it. He would suffer in sympathy with the suffering of his dog. And yet, he would not hesitate to send his dog after an innocent, harmless rabbit, trying to secure a living and some pleasure in its little sphere, to chase, wound and kill it. Perhaps in the chase he would shoot at and wound the little creature, and it would get to its cheerless home in the rocks, there to suffer for days, without care or food, and linger in misery till relieved by death. The same is true of hunting for birds or squirrels, or any of the so-called game.



It is true that the necessities of life are secured at a cost of more or less suffering, but it should be a token of civilization to find that suffering reduced to the smallest amount for everything that has animate life. Tested in this way how much better is our vaunted Christian civilization than that of many heathen nations to which we send missionaries.



As a nation we eat too much meat, and suffer because of it. In Holland meat is not a common diet, yet the Holland people are strong and robust, and rarely troubled with disease. A Hollander with impaired digestion is an exception, while

our people are a nation of dyspeptics. Why not discard meat, eliminating the cruelty and suffering entailed thereby, and use milk and cheese and eggs, as do the people of Holland. Our people are being cursed because of the meat habit.

But, dear children, there is no excuse for practicing cruelty upon bird and animal life in sport. It should not be sport to see suffering and death. Many who claim the hunter's sport, do not stop to think of their cruelty. If they did, they would be surprised to realize the awful cruelty of their acts. To impress this thought, dear boys, I want you to read the following extract from a recent article in *Simmons Magazine*:

"I once saw a man shoot a squirrel from a tree-top, just for 'the fun of it.' The poor animal fell to the ground, its spinal column shattered. With its little front feet it tried to drag itself away, uttering pathetic squeaks of pain. The man who shot it cried jubilantly, 'I hit him! I hit him! Wasn't that a great shot?' I said, 'Yes, you hit him, but you destroyed a very happy life. This squirrel undoubtedly worked hard all fall hoarding a store of food for the winter, and its little mate is no doubt now awaiting his return to their cozy home. It will never see its home again. You have taken a happy life for fun, a life that no earthly power can restore. Yes, it was a great shot—and a wanton murder of a defenceless creature.' The man (a learned man, but unthinking) gazed at the now dead squirrel (I had mercifully killed it), and his eyes filled with tears. 'God, what a wretch I am!' he sobbed. 'You have directed my attention to the cruelty and wantonness of my act. This is my last shot; never again will I shoot any living creature. This is not sport, it is damnable butchery.'"

The above happened eighteen years ago, and that man has never even handled a gun since. His "eyes were opened," he said, by my remarks, and ever since dumb animals have no stauncher protector."

And now, dear boys, I want to speak of the cruelty we often see practiced upon domestic animals. Many persons in dealing with them show less sense than the dumb brutes. I once had a man caring for my stock who undertook to transfer a calf from the pasture to a stable, and in so doing he beat and kicked the poor little thing, causing such suffering that it died. In many ways he was a good man, but he did not control his temper. Another man used a sharp bit for one of my mules, and in a fit of ill-humor he jerked the reins so hard that it almost entirely cut out the tongue of the poor brute. I also often have trouble with drivers who neglect to blanket the animals during severe weather. These things are mostly due to thoughtlessness or lack of training. If the poor faithful brutes could only speak, what do you suppose they would say? Would they not utter the "Prayer of the Horse," translated from the Swedish, which once appeared in *Our Dumb Animals*?



"To Thee, My Master, I Offer My Prayer: Feed me and take care of me. Be kind to me. Do not jerk the reins; do not whip me when going up hill. Never strike, beat or kick me when I fail to understand what you want of me, but give me a chance to understand you. Watch me, and if I refuse to do your bidding, see if there is not something wrong with my harness."

"Do not give me too heavy loads; never hitch me where water will drip on me. Keep me well shod. Examine my teeth when I fail to eat, I may have an ulcerated tooth, that, you know is very painful I am unable to tell you in words when I am sick, so watch me and I will try to tell you by signs. Pet me sometimes, I enjoy it. and I will learn to love you. Protect me in summer from the hot sun. Keep a blanket on me in winter weather; and never put a frosty bit in my mouth, but hold it in your hands a moment first. I carry you, pull you, wait patiently for you long hours, day or night. I cannot tell when I am thirsty, give me clean, cool water often in hot weather. Finally, when my strength is gone, instead of turning me over to a human brute, to be tortured and starved, take my life in the easiest and quickest way, and your God will reward you in this life and in Heaven. Amen."

The wisest man said "A righteous man regardeth the life of his beast; but the tender mercies of the wicked are cruel." Dear boys, which would you rather be, and which would you rather deal with—a righteous man or a wicked man? Think over it.

Your sincere Friend,

LaPark, Pa., Mar. 24, 1911. The Editor.

Sacred Lily.—When a Sacred Lily (Chinese Narcissus) is bedded out it will grow and bloom in the latitude of Lancaster, Pennsylvania, provided the soil is sandy and well-drained, and the bed in a protected place. The same is true of Polyanthus Narcissus. The bulbs produce offsets that will develop



SACRED LILY.

op into blooming bulbs in two or three years. It is just as well to let these remain in the ground to bloom, and secure imported bulbs for house-blooming.

Grape Fruit.—This is a citrus fruit, mostly larger than an orange, grows upon an evergreen orange-like tree, and was so called because the fruit is produced in big clusters, like grape clusters, often from ten to eighteen specimens together, the larger ones as much as one cares to lift. The juice is acid, varies in sweetness, and is very wholesome. The trees are more productive than orange trees, and the taste of the fruit is more alluring. It is only a matter of time till Grape Fruit will be the popular citrus fruit, and will almost displace the orange.

Lifting Tulips.—If your Tulip bed is of sandy or porous soil, well drained, and in a sunny exposure do not disturb the bulbs for several years. If the soil is tenacious and heavy, with a tendency to hold moisture, and is shaded and not well-drained, lift the bulbs when the foliage begins to turn yellow, dry them off, and store in boxes or paper bags in a cool cellar till autumn, when they may be re-bedded. Tulips or Hyacinths in tenacious soil in a shady place, will rot during summer, especially if the season is wet.

THE DOUBLE DAISY.

THE ENGLISH Double Daisy is a hardy edging or border plant easily grown from seeds or by division of the roots. The seeds germinate readily, and if plants are started in the spring they will begin to bloom in mid-summer, and will continue to bloom till late in autumn. Then, almost before the frost is gone the following spring, the plump little buds will again appear, and the flowers will be more numerous and handsome than ever.

Notwithstanding the ease with which the plants may be propagated and grown from seeds, there are some persons who do not suc-



DOUBLE DAISIES.

ceed in their culture, as the following letter attests:

Mr. Editor:—What a dainty little beauty the name Double Daisy calls to my mind, for mother had the flowers in abundance, pure white, and red, and white tipped with pink—a profusion of bloom and beauty. I have tried repeatedly to raise those same little flowers, but so far have failed completely. Once three or four plants came up, but did not bloom, and they froze out during winter though I covered them as I did the Pinks and Pansies. Why do I fail?—Mrs. Felton, Ohio, March 16, 1911.

It is possible the sister sowed her seeds in a garden bed, and the rain and sun destroyed the little plants. The seeds are very small and the plants that appear are delicate for a few days, until they get their second leaves. It is better to sow in a box of sifted soil, covering very lightly, and keep in a sheltered place till the plants are large enough to set out. The seeds are sure to germinate, and must be sown thinly, otherwise they will be liable to damp off. Set them six or eight inches apart in the bed, and see that the drainage is good. Boards set edgewise around the bed, with a few nude brush thrown over, will be found a better protection than straw or rough grass, which often smothers the plants. The plants are more liable to injury from wet soil, poor ventilation, and contrasts of temperature, than from severe steady cold.

Great improvements have lately been made in this flower, the newer varieties being much larger than the older ones, very double, and showing a wider range of colors. Plants well established in pots will bloom well in a cool room in winter, the chief precaution being to keep the atmosphere moist, and above the freezing point.

VERMONT FLOWER GARDEN.

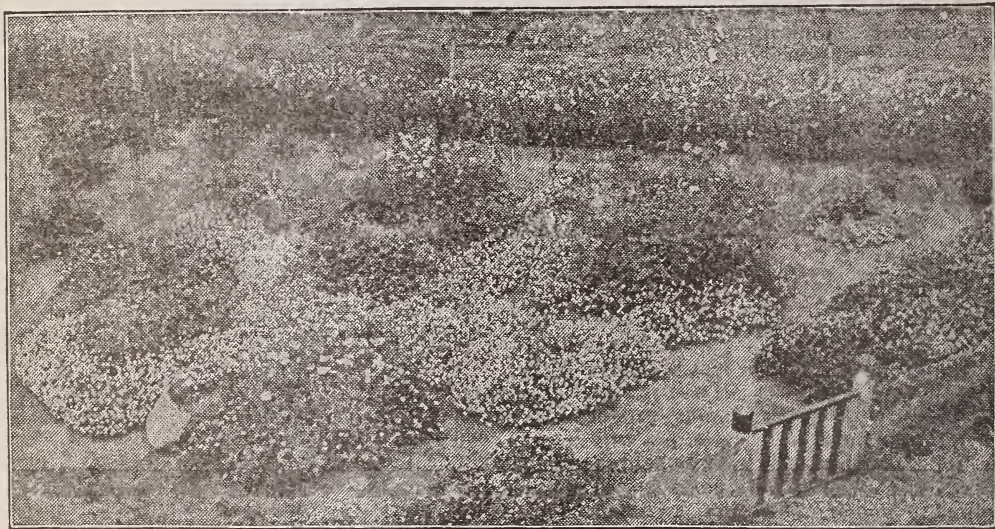
CRINUM MOREI.

MR. EDITOR:—

I ENCLOSE a photograph of a corner of my flower garden, which is directly in front of my house. People came many miles to see the flowers, and assured me it was the most beautiful flower garden they ever saw. But one row of Sweet Peas is shown, though at the left there was a row just the same length as the one in view. A little child near the lower margin is admiring the flowers.

My mother was a constant reader of your Magazine, and when she died two years ago, I thought I could not be without it. I have one hundred kinds of flowers, and fifty varieties of Pansies. I just love Sweet Alyssum as a

I HAVE HAD CRINUM MOREI in my garden for a number of years. It is not yet very plentiful here. It comes to us from New Zealand, and makes itself very much at home in this section. It is a vigorous grower, multiplying rapidly, and left undisturbed soon forms a clump that, with its bright green foliage and its crown of wonderfully beautiful, glowing, bright pink flowers, is an addition to our collection of plants, that when once seen in full bloom will not soon be forgotten. I am satisfied that in colder countries, grown in tubs, and where it can be taken into the house in winter (it being evergreen) it would well repay its possessor



VERY PRETTY FLOWER GARDEN.

border plant, and you will notice the display of it in the big central bed. My father helps me care for my flowers. He is over seventy years of age. I enclose also his photo, with the oxen.

Mrs. B. F. Jackman.

West Glover, Vt., Oct. 13, 1910.

[Note.—The photograph of the father, showing also the oxen and the barn gives us a typical Vermont farm scene. This, as well as the well-arrayed and well-kept flower garden, will be of interest to readers, and I am pleased to give both views.—Ed.]

Cutting Back Roses.—When the flowers on my Margaret Dickson and Gen. Jacqueminot Roses fade I cut them off, taking a portion of the branch with them. This has given excellent results in the continued production of buds and flowers. I regard Margaret Dickson as a worthy companion for Gen. Jacqueminot.

Hazel Harrington.

Bayfield Co., Wis., Jan. 23, 1911.

Abutilon.—I sowed a packet of Abutilon seeds last year, and raised 15 plants. One grew four feet high and bore yellow and red striped flowers. All were handsome.

Mrs. L. E. Carröll.

Braxton Co., W. Va., Jan. 2, 1911.

for the trouble. With us it blooms from June until Christmas.

A. G. Adams.

Long Beach, Cal., Feb. 24, 1911.

Snapdragons.—Three years ago I sowed half of a three-cent packet of Giant Snapdragon seeds, and raised fifty sturdy plants of such fine blooms and variety of colors that many asked "Where did you get your seeds". The following winter thirty-six plants lived and bloomed finely the second season. I was greatly pleased with my success.



SNAPDRAGON.

Florence E. Allen.

Allenwood, N. J., Feb. 6, 1911.

Soot Tea.—A tea made of wood-soot and applied to white-spotted double Petunia will change it, by continued use, to clear white, and the same tea used upon Farfugium will remove the golden spots from the foliage.

Mrs. B. K. Billups.

Pennington Co., S. Dak., Aug. 22, 1910.

GIVING AWAY FLOWERS AND PLANTS.

HERE IS the way I satisfy friends and flower beggars, and I enjoy it. We live on a farm in the country, and have a large yard. Husband took the team and hauled some stable manure on a strip clear across the lower side of the yard, breaking it up thoroughly once with the plow. It is five or six rods long and four feet wide. I set a row of Roses next to the fence, then next to that a row of seven kinds of Chrysanthemums, and then planted the rest all full of flower seeds, everything I happened to have or could get without too much expense. I raise most of my flower seeds, and gather some amongst my neighbors, when I see they have more than they are going to save. And you ought to just see those flowers! I don't spend much time on them, and everybody who comes admires them, and I say "Yes, they are pretty, and I want to give you a nice bunch to carry home." I give and send to the sick, and everywhere anyone ever heard tell of giving flowers, and I have even found flower-lovers amongst a class of persons whom you would think would never look at flowers, and much less appreciate them; and then I almost cry because there is no one else to give flowers to before frost gets them. It looks like such a waste to see so many ruined by the frost.

Besides giving hundreds of Rose slips to people who could and would root them for themselves, my Climbing Meteor must be trimmed up, and after taking off all I care to ditch, there are still hundreds of slips I would be glad to give to people if they could get them. I never seem to miss my flowers after I once get them established, and the more I give away the more they bloom.

Mrs. C. N. Brooks.

Braxton Co., W. Va., Feb. 15, 1911.

Impatiens Sultani.—Plants of this Balsam are lovely for pots. They are covered with their bright blooms of various rich colors, all the time. It truly deserves to be called an everbloomer.

Mrs. B.

Richardson Co., Neb., Mar. 15, 1911.

BUTTER AND EGGS.

I THINK the old-fashioned Butter and Eggs referred to some time ago by a homesick Florida sister is not Narcissus, Orange Phoenix, but an old-time garden perennial with small bluish green foliage in whorls, on slender stems eight or ten inches high, (somewhat resembling flax,) crowned at the top with a cluster of small snapdragon-like flowers, sulphur yellow, each with an orange spot on the lower "lip" when the dragon's mouth is forced open. It increases by subterranean stems, and was a pest in the old-time gardens that I knew. I never knew any other name for it. Someone told me once that it is Yarrow, but we call a fern-leaved meadow plant by that name. I could send the lady a start of it if she wishes to try it in Florida. I think it will grow anywhere if the roots are covered.

L. Sheppard.
Berryville, Ark.
Feb. 13, 1911.

Note.—The flower above described is doubtless the plant known as Toad Flax, the botanical name of which is *Linum Vulgaris*. It is readily propagated from seeds as well as roots.—Ed.



A FARM SCENE IN VERMONT.
See "Vermont Flower Garden," Page 70.

any conditions. Everyone should have a bed of them; they bloom all summer. Mrs. B.

Stella, Neb., Mar. 4, 1911.

Skeleton Geranium.—Among my flowers is a nice plant of variegated-leaved Skeleton Geranium, which is a rare plant here. The leaves are variegated white and green. It grows exactly as the plain green-leaved variety. Not long ago I noticed the earth was cracking in the dish at the roots of the plant, and in a few days many little plain green-leaved Geraniums sprouted up, which I shall be glad to use in beds this summer. Was that not strange?

Ima.

Geauga Co., March 1, 1911.

For Lilacs and Roses.—When preparing a chicken for dinner I bury the offal in the soil beneath my Lilacs and Roses. I find it enhances their growth, and insures a fine display of bloom. Mrs. L. M. Robinson.

Grouse, Oreg., Jan. 30, 1911.

PORTULACA.

WHO DOES NOT know the beauty of a bed of Portulaca in mixed colors? Not long ago I lived in a place where the yard was not very well adapted for flower mounds, so I raised such plants as always do well in boxes and barrels, and one of them became a real ornament. I filled a half-barrel with fairly rich earth, and sowed a package of mixed Portulaca seeds, placing



PORTULACA.

it near the kitchen window, where I stood to do most of my work. How gratifying it was to look out upon the bright-colored flowers, cheerful in their showy red, white, yellow and variegated colors. The seeds are very easily gathered, and one need never be without a box, bed or border of these most brilliant of summer flowers. Ewing Shuster.

Bucks Co., Pa., Jan. 30, 1911.

Madeira Vine.—Last spring I sprouted a Madeira tuber in sand early, and set it out when the weather became favorable. I gave it plenty of water all summer, and such a beautiful vine as I had! It was on a frame fifteen feet high, and four feet wide, and in September the top for about two feet down was perfectly white with flowers, lasting such a long time. After frost destroyed the vine I left the bulbs in the ground to mature until just before freezing weather. I then took them up and had a washtub full of fine tubers, some as large as a quart cup. Mrs. R. F. Edwards.

Buffalo Co., Neb., Jan. 19, 1911.

Sweet Williams and Pinks.—I love flowers, and every year raise many varieties, both old and new. But no other flowers are so dear to me as the Sweet Williams and those beautiful old-fashioned Pinks. Both are hardy and will last for years. They can be easily raised from seeds, and if planted early in the spring, will bloom the first year. I am sure anyone who raises flowers would be pleased with these, for they repay many fold the time spent in caring for them.

Bloomington, Ind.

Helen Torrence.

CASTOR BEAN.

LAST SPRING I planted a Castor Bean, which came up in a few days, and grew vigorously. By autumn it was a branching plant seven feet high, clothed with showy big leaves, and displaying six fine clusters of bloom and seed vessels.

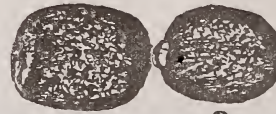
Mrs. Lula Herrin.

Leaf, Ga., Feb. 2, 1911.

Note.—*Ricinus arboreus* is one of the most vigorous-growing of the Castor Beans,



CASTOR BEAN PLANT.



and in rich soil will often reach the height of ten or twelve feet in one season. In Mexico and the milder parts of Florida the plant is found, and I have seen the common *Ricinus Sanguineus* twenty feet or more in height, branched like a tree, and the stem six inches in diameter near the ground. The plants seem to thrive in the dry sandy soil without care, and I see no reason why Castor Beans could not be grown profitably there, if there were means at hand for abstracting and purifying the oil.—Ed.

Those Tin Cans.—The problem of decorating the ever-present tin cans keeps recurring to the amateur florist whose plants are more numerous than her cash. I took corrugated paper, used for packing glass and bottles, and cut it so the ribs were perpendicular, bent it around the can and took a few stitches to hold it together, and loosely enough to allow the cans to be slipped out for watering the plant. It looks quite well, besides protecting the sides of the can from sun, and I think it does not get so cold either, as if unprotected or painted. L. M. S.

Berryville, Ark., Feb. 13, 1911.

Coleus from Seeds.—From a packet of Coleus seeds sown in the spring I raised some very pretty plants, all different, the leaves as bright and pretty as flowers. Those that had only the morning and evening sun were more delicate and bright than those in full sunshine. I shall always raise Coleus. Katie E. Rader.

VanWert, O.



Kudzu Vine.—My Kudzu Vine, raised from seeds, was such a vigorous grower that I was compelled to trim it back three times the first season, or it would have covered the entire barn. It was on the south side, in front of a window, and the foliage was so dense that it cut off the light and ventilation, making the building dark, damp and unsanitary. The barn is sixteen feet square, and twenty-five feet high. T. F. Johnson.

Perry, Iowa, Jan. 28, 1911.

IN A CALIFORNIA GARDEN.

DEAR EDITOR:

I ENCLOSE a photograph of a part of our garden showing a border of Clove Pinks back of the row of Day Lilies, and a plant of Pelargonium and Marguerite Daisies at the rear. Two years ago our little garden was part of the sand dunes that abound here near the ocean, and from our home we look out over the Golden Gate and the broad Pacific. We have the wind, the sand, and the



PINKS, LILIES AND DAISIES.

summer drought to contend with, but we have made our little garden a thing of beauty, and the admiration of all who see it.

Mrs. C. H. Curmon.

San Francisco, Cal., Oct. 11, 1911.

Note.—When at San Francisco, some years ago, I found the breeze from the Pacific strong and steady, and though it was August, the warmest month of the year, my overcoat was too light for comfort, while I noticed the ladies were wearing heavy clothing and furs. But notwithstanding this I never saw such vigorous, blooming plants of Fuchsia as appeared in long rows in the park, and the Scarlet Passion Vine arched the paths in many places with glorious masses of foliage and bloom. The whole park was richly decked with beds and specimens of blooming and foliage plants, and the atmosphere was perfumed with flower odors.—Ed.

Flower Language and Influence.—The Lord, in his goodness, gave us the beautiful flowers, with their delicate and delightful fragrance; and in each there is a Divine though silent language, that surpasses the flowery products of Henry Ward Beecher, or the noted effusions of the Rev. Gunsaulas. The poet Collier saw an uplifting in them when he wrote:

"Go, make thy garden fair as thou canst,
Thou workest never alone;
Perchance he whose is next to thine
Will see it, and mend his own."

Perry, Iowa, Jan 28, 1911.

T. F. J.

Double Daisies.—I wish the sisters could have seen my display of Double Daisies. I sowed a packet of the seeds in the spring in a little box. They came up quickly and I set the plants in the border when large enough. They bloomed all summer and until late autumn. I had a long row next to my Rose bed, and everybody thought it the nicest border they ever saw.

Mrs. J. Thiebes.

St. Louis, Mo.

TRUST.

Peace, troubled spirit!
Under the snow
Blossoms are sleeping
While the winds blow;
God cares for the Lilies,
Cares for us, too,
And after the shadow,
Gives the sky, blue.

S. Royalton, Vt., Feb. 23, 1911.

Eloise Case.

REMARKABLE GERMINATIVE POWER.

MR. EDITOR:

I OFTEN READ that Cypress Vine seeds should be soaked in hot water before planting. This may at times be necessary, but my experience last year shows plainly that this is not always necessary, even with old seeds. I sowed seeds, received from you five years before, in a flower pot, and quite a number of them were up in two days. I do not think I ever had seeds of any kind come up in less than three days before. I did not soak or chip the seeds at all. It was a great surprise to me, as I expected no plants at all, or but weakly ones. Mine grew vigorously, but did not blossom well. I always mark the date of receipt of seeds on the packets, and experiment with seeds left over, as a matter of curiosity; but I always prefer new seeds for anything I depend on. Frank Lufkin.

Rockland, Me., Feb. 2, 1911.

Zinnias and Cosmos.—I would urge all flower-lovers to try the Scarlet Bedding Zinnias with Cosmos. Last year I filled



ZINNIAS.

the corner of a large bed with these Zinnias, and set some Cosmos plants as a background, and the most beautiful floral display I ever saw was right there. The Cosmos branched and became a mass of mossy foliage and bright flowers, and the scarlet Zinnias gleamed among the mass like balls of fire. I was more than pleased with the combination.

Mrs. Mary T. Diehl.

Valley Park, Mo., Feb. 4, 1911.

Spring Flowers.—Who does not feel a thrill of love and tenderness creep into their heart when greeted with the beauty and fragrance of the spring flowers? To me they are charming, and with the sweet medley of the returning birds I feel as though transported to an elysian sphere of beauty and poetry and song.

Mrs. C. Cheek.

Royston, Ga., R.F.D. 2, Feb. 23, 1911.

Butterfly Cyclamen.—I sowed a five-cent packet of Butterfly Cyclamen, and the plants were in full bloom twelve months after I sowed the seeds. They were very handsome.

Mrs. H. Peterson.

Titusville, Pa.

GLADIOLUS ALL SEASON.

BEING VERY FOND of Gladiolus flowers I started some early, in sand and phosphate, using a teaspoonful of phosphate to a quart of sand. Use boxes six inches deep, setting the bulbs a half-inch apart, and covering two or three inches deep. Keep the sand moist and in a moderately warm place. When the soil becomes warm



GLADIOLUS BLOOMS.

set the plants out in the bed. I start two lots at different times, and separate the clusters, so as to have some of each lot in each bed. Then by making two more open-ground plantings at different times, I have the spikes of lovely flowers until frost.

Mrs. Lillian S. Blodgett.

S. Walden, Vt., Mar. 13, 1911.

The Dahlia Worm.—A neighbor of mine did not plant her Dahlia roots until July 1st last year, and those wire worms that ruined all the rest of our Dahlias did not trouble hers. So, we are all going to follow her plan this year. I raised some fine Dahlias from seeds last year, and want to raise more this year.

Mrs. M. Felton.

E. Liverpool, Ohio, Mar. 16, 1911.

Starting Perennial Seeds.—I notice that some fail with perennial seeds. Many failures with this class of seeds were mine until I learned to sow them in late summer and early fall. Many need the freezing of winter to start them successfully, or boiling water poured over them before sowing in the early spring.

Mrs. J. J. Kions.

Jefferson Co., Kans., Mar. 14, 1911.

Prolific Orange.—Mr. Editor:—We have an Otaheite Orange that is now a source of much admiration, as it is covered with golden fruit. The oranges number 56, all fine specimens.

Elizabeth A. Bream.

Adams Co., Pa., Feb. 21, 1911.

NATURE.

Do you say you're feeling blue?
Is it nothing, then, to you
That the golden sun is shining every day?
If you cannot see his light,
'Tis the clouds before your sight,
Hides the beauty of his smiling face away.

Turn your eyes unto the ground,
Flowers springing up around,
Smile a welcome, breathe a blessing to your heart;
Little gems of every hue,
Pink and purple, white and blue,
Each in Nature's kindly greeting bears a part.

Hear the whistle of the birds,
Melody too sweet for words,
Rising, falling, softly pulsing through the air;
Note how every passing breeze,
Ripples music through the trees,
And the silvery brooks are singing everywhere.

Is the world a bitter place?
Turn and gaze on Nature's face;
Let your soul absorb her love and harmony;
Learn to see and hear and feel,
Then will she herself reveal,
Giving joy unto your life continually.
Haily, Idaho, Mar. 8, 1911. Ada M. Love.

FOR MEMORIAL DAY.

I FIND HERE that *Primula Elatior* (*Polyanthus*), *Alyssum Saxatile*, Pansies, *Arabis alpina* and Sweet Rocket can generally be depended upon to be in full bloom on Memorial Day, though sometimes the *Arabis* is about gone. *Alyssum Saxatile* is my chief dependence for brightening the small bouquets which I sell to those who prefer a bouquet instead of the large Tulips, in which florists here do a thriving business at that time, charging sixty cents a dozen for the blossoms, and sometimes even more. I have never had the heart to charge such prices on Memorial Day, for my father was a soldier. If the flowers were for a carnival or wedding I should feel differently and take all that customers were willing to pay.



ALYSSUM SAXATILE.

Adella F. Veazie.

Rockland, Me., March 13, 1911.

Note.—*Alyssum saxatile* is easily raised from seeds. The plants grow a foot high, and the golden flowers are produced in tufts in great profusion. It is a hardy and free-blooming perennial, and makes a bright spot in the garden when in bloom.—Ed.

THE LESSON OF THE EASTER.

Have hope and faith! Life still is sweet;
The Pansy blossoms at your feet,
The yellow Daffodils uphold
Their spires of green, their crowns of gold;
While, through the orchard, flits anew
The minstrel on his wings of blue.

What need have we for frowns or tears?
God marks the pathway of our years.
Though death and storm hold seeming sway,
Life lives, and wakes again away.
Still back to us the Spring returns,
And Love the Easter lesson learns.

Cayuga Co., N. Y.

Cora A. Matson Dolson.

WILD FLOWERS.

THE CLARION SONG.

THERE ARE a great many kinds of wild flowers here, but some of the varieties are becoming scarcer every year, and will finally disappear entirely. Among these is the Lady Slipper or *Cypripedium*, which is already becoming very rare, being only found occasionally.

The Wild Azaleas are also becoming somewhat scarce, especially the great flame-colored species, which is one of the most showy of the wild flowers.

Among the first flowers of spring is the *Hepatica*, which blooms almost as early as the *Snowdrops* and *Crocuses*. Also, there are three species of Wild *Phlox*, one of which produces flowers of the brightest scarlet; the other two produce dull or magenta colored flowers. There are also wild *Iris*, which bloom very early in the spring, before the cultivated kinds, and produce very pretty flowers of a purplish-blue and white color.

One of the most striking of the wild flowers is *Lobelia Cardinalis* or Cardinal Flower. It blooms in August, and the flowers are among the most beautiful red-colored flowers known. This is not very abundant, only being found in moist places near a stream.

Wayne Co., W. Va. W. C. Mollett.

Begonia Gracilis.—I raised from seeds a big boxful of *Begonia Gracilis*, and gave many of the plants away. I don't remember how many I potted for the house, but I do know that I was so greedy that some of them had to be put in the cellar, where, of course, they died. I had enough left, however, to make five windows gay with the bright clusters of scarlet blossoms, and the plants have been in bloom ever since last August, growing larger and blooming more profusely every day. I am extremely pleased with them.



BEGONIA GRACILIS.

Adella F. Veazie.

Rockland, Me., March 13, 1911.

THE ROBIN.

Sing, little bird, for the winter is over,
Sing, little bird, while you're building your nest;
Pour out your joyousness sweet forest rover,
Paired with the bird that your heart loves the best.
Love's the magician, who lightens the labor,
Thrills in your breast and rings in your song,
Causing the shadows to fly, little neighbor,
Gladdening our home-life the whole day long.
Halley, Ida., Mar. 8, 1911. Ada M. Love.

Scabiosa.—My *Scabiosa*s grown from seeds last year were very pretty. The flowers were red, white and blue, on long stems. I was much pleased with them.

Westminster, S. C. Carrie Dickson.

I heard those notes,—the Oriole's joyous singing,
Piercing the summer sky;
Nearer they came, as down my pathway winging,
That breast of flame shot by!

Oh deathless Voice! thy clarion call is sounding
Fearless from heaven's blue!
Oh Voice of Hope! across the world resounding!
A world has need of you!

Oh fearless Voice! to men a note of warning
Piercing the world's great heart!
Be thou my star, when storms break from that dawn—
And force the clouds apart! [ing,

I hear those notes,—the Oriole's joyous singing,
Piercing the noonday sky;
So may my words, a-down earth's pathway winging,
Utter to souls a cry!

Oh men of blindness! might the Vision flaming
Across your startled sight,
Awe with its clearness, as the Oriole, shaming
All deeds that shun the light!

Oh men of blindness! when a world is weeping
For light that cries in vain!
Oh men of blindness! when a world is sleeping
And lost in dreams of gain!

Oh deathless Voice! the day is drawing nearer
When men shall heed thy prayer!
Oh men of blindness! when thy eyes see clearer
Heaven's gates shall open there!

When that vast throng, the children, men are bring—
As captives to their doors, [ing
Shall feel the impulse of that heavenly singing
And fear despair no more.

Till that Great Day, all other wrongs forgiving,
Grant me, oh Voice, a song!
With clarion note, above the timorous living,
Fearless to sound that wrong!
Vineland, N.J., Feb. 6, 1911. Ina Lord McDavitt.

HEUCHERA SANGUINEA.

I WISH EVERYBODY could know what a dear little cheerful, tough, hardy plant is *Heuchera Sanguinea*. Even when frozen and thawed, and flooded till the whole upper part of the roots is left bare to the frosts of winter, it pulls through, and sends up spike after spike of its tiny coral bells for nearly two months in early summer. I can't get enough of them, so there is a whole box of last season's seedlings in the cellar to be set out this spring in the ground. As a general thing I prefer calling plants by their right names, but this one named itself; for when I saw the blossoms for the first time, I exclaimed, "Oh, the dear little coral bells!" Soon after this I found in a catalogue that "Coral Bells" is one of its popular names, so now I often call it so.



HEUCHERA.

Adella F. Veazie.

Rockland, Me., March 13, 1911.

Gladiolus.—I planted a lot of mixed Holland *Gladiolus*, and how they did grow, and what a surprise was in store for me! Such beauties I never saw. Out of 50 bulbs only 7 were alike. The rest were all different and beautiful.

Wellington, Ill. Mrs. Kate Mallory.

ABOUT GERANIUMS.

AS THE YEARS PASS I think more and more of Geraniums for the average housewife. They are fine in everything but fragrance, and this can be supplied with the scented-leaved sorts, or with bulbs. Along with all other plants, they have been improved until the old-time, scraggly, scant-blooming sort would scarcely be recognized as belonging to the same family. As a bedder, or for windows, few plants surpass them.

Procure good varieties. The eight described and recommended by our Editor are all fine ones; treat them half right and they will surprise you. The bed should be in a sunny place, although shade through the middle of the day, or through the afternoon, is rather an aid than a hindrance. The soil should be such as would grow good vegetables. Drain the bed by placing stones or cinders in the bottom, unless naturally drained. Over the drainage place a foot or more of good soil. In this set the plants from six to ten inches apart, according to variety. Water freely after setting, but apply moderately afterward, unless the weather is very hot and dry. Pinch into shape while the plants are small. Keep weeds out, cultivate very shallow, and cut the blooms as soon they show signs of fading.

To grow in pots place drainage in the bottom, fill in with good soil a little sandy, set the plant carefully, water well, firm the soil around the stalk, and place in a protected place for several days. Water only when the soil gets crumbly on top—almost dusty. Pinch into the shape you desire the plant to grow, and if for next winter's window keep the buds pinched until in September. If to bloom in summer encourage rapid growth with rich soil and a sunny place. Don't give the Geranium a large pot. If you have ever taken the plants up in the fall from a bed where there was large root-growth, the small space occupied by the roots as compared to the tops will surprise you. The foliage varieties require more root-room. Wind is hard on Geraniums, so guard against it.

A plant of Geranium of a good variety, well cared for, will afford more satisfaction for the little care given it, than almost any other plant. Geraniums lack the waxy beauty of the Tuberous Begonias, but are much more independent and self-helpful.

Decatur Co., Ind. Mrs. E. Clearwater.

PANSIES.

ANYONE CAN raise Pansies. I call them "The poor," because they are always with us. A year ago Christmas they were my table decoration, picked from the open garden. This year I had an attractive bunch for New Year's. Today I received a letter from a lady in Kansas, who says, "I saw in Floral Magazine your article 'Success with Pansies,' so you may exchange seeds. I have never succeeded well with bought seeds." Perhaps she fails because she raises *seeds* instead of *flowers*. People often say, "Oh! Don't pick your flowers!" and "Will you save me some seeds from that plant?" Now, I *never* save *Pansy seeds*! I raise flowers to pick, to give away, and to enjoy. To those who love

Pansies, and wish to see them grow, I say buy seeds of Roemer's Giant, and follow our Editor's directions for sowing in boxes. The seeds will germinate and grow, because they cannot help it. When you transplant to the bed give each plant at least eight inches of room. Shade for three days during the heat of the day, uncovering at night. Strawberry boxes are good for this purpose. Hoe the bed once a week, and after every rain. Never let a flower on the plant. I try to let no seeds form, but sometimes



A BLOOMING GERANIUM IN A POT.

they do when I am too busy to watch them. But I do not let the seeds ripen. It will be a task to pick the flowers, because the more you take off the more will grow. Every summer we have a dry spell, so in August I pinch off every bud or flower I see. Bank the dirt around the plant, and let it rest. I never water the plants after I transplant, since I find the intense heat on the water scalds and ruins plants, even when watered at night. The dryer the season the more I cultivate. If there is any secret in raising Pansies it is giving them plenty of room, cultivating thoroughly, and letting no seeds ripen on the plant. It is much wiser to buy seeds each year raised from good stock by a florist, than to let your plants die trying to raise inferior seeds.

Florence E. Allen.

Allenwood, N. J., Mar. 17, 1911.

Lifting Cosmos.—I took up and potted some of my Cosmos plants last fall, and they bloomed beautifully in the house until after Christmas.

C. S. Greengras.

Langford, S. D., Feb. 4, 1911.

CLIMBING ROSES.

EVERYBODY LOVES ROSES, and I have a good plan to get persons who do not know how, or have not the time to cultivate flowers, to have a Rose growing at their door. Two years ago I bought a Crimson Rambler and Climbing Meteor, and when they began to grow branchy I trimmed them up, and cut up into lengths about a foot long,



CLIMBING METEOR ROSE.

dug a ditch and laid them in, putting a handful of sand at the bottom for each slip, covered them up and packed the dirt very firmly to them, leaving about three buds above the ground. Thus I have had nice Rose plants in abundance, with good roots, to give to many who were really too poor to buy, and don't you think they were not appreciated! I went out today and ditched another row for next spring.

Mrs. C. N. Brooks.

Burnsville, W. Va., Feb. 15, 1911.

Gloxinias.—I wish the sisters could have seen my Gloxinias last summer. I rested them till after Christmas, then repotted them in garden loam. They soon began to grow and form buds, and one had fifteen open flowers at one time, making a gorgeous display. My tubers are now all started and growing for next summer's flowers. I think they are unsurpassed for summer-blooming in the house.

Katie Johnson.

Nashua, Iowa, Jan. 30, 1911.



GLOXINIA

TREATING PANSIES.

IF YOUR old Pansy bed is becoming scraggly in growth do one of the following things: Mow the bed with a scythe, or fill in with rich soil around the plants until the branches are covered to within a few inches of the tips. This may seem heartless, and a waste of lovely blossoms, but in a few weeks the bed will have a new lease of beauty, while, if left to grow more scraggly the blossoms will soon become small and scattering.



PANSY BLOOMS.

By mowing the tops off, a new

growth will push out as soon as it rains. If the rain delays coming water artificially, thoroughly soaking the ground once a week.

Treated as suggested the Pansy bed will yield a fine lot of bloom during summer, and large flowers during autumn. The plants, too, will be vigorous, and will often withstand severe climate another winter.

Mrs. Emma Clearwaters.

Vermilion Co., Ind., Mar. 16, 1911.

Moon Vine.—I succeeded in raising a fine Moon Vine last season. The blooms were four inches across, and fragrant, coming out in the evening and lasting until noon the next day. They grew very slowly at first, owing to the cold winds, but I protected them with four-inch tile, and forced them with manure-water.

Mrs. C. M. Roth.

Prospect, Pa., Jan. 30, 1911.



Summer Cypress.—I planted a hedge of Kochia or Summer Cypress last spring, raising the plants from seeds, and setting them eighteen inches apart. The plants grew three feet high, forming nicely rounded specimens of a soft green hue that did not show the dust as many other plants do. The hedge was much admired.

Mrs. C. M. Roth.

Prospect, Pa., Jan. 30, 1911.

Acacia Lophantha.—These make fine decorative plants in a short time, I raised one that was over two feet high when three months old. It was greatly admired by all who saw it, and I sold it for eighty cents.

Mrs. B.

Stella, Neb., Mar. 4, 1911.



FLORAL POETRY.

NEW ENGLAND ASTERS.

Sometimes, o' nights, I dream a dream
That cheers me through the day.
'Tis a vision of my childhood,
In New England far away.
'Tis a bank of purple Asters
By a winding, climbing road,
Where the jaded horses stop to rest
With their big and heavy load.

Dear blue New England Asters,
That proudly grace our hills,
When other flowers of fairy tints,
Have fled cold autumn's chills.
All hail, ye hardy Asters,
Ye brave and pure of face;
How rich the glory that ye shed
Around your wayside place!

How high the rapture that I felt,
When first my childish eyes
Beheld your royal beauty
In wild and glad surprise;
And never can a lovely flower,
Though beyond all telling fair,
For those who love New England,
With her Aster blooms compare.

For New England greets her Asters,
With their sturdy, dauntless blooms,
When her host of fragile flowers
Have found their earthly tombs;
And sees she in their courage
A true type of her race,
Whose virtues, brave and beautiful,
Crown their noble lives with grace.
Clovis, Cal., Feb. 15, 1911. Verda Montes.

THOUGHT FLOWERS.

What are thoughts but flowers that grow
In the garden of the mind,
And in season bud and blow,
Knowing neither sun nor wind.

Like as visions of delight,
To the joyous eye out-spread,
Some like Lilies, virgin white,
Some like Roses blushing red.

To life's days of gold and gloom
Lending a celestial grace,
Brightening with scent and bloom
That which else were commonplace.

Till the veil that fortune weaves,
Hides the things that used to be,
And they lie between the leaves
Of the book of memory.
West Brattleboro, Vt. Arthur Goodenough.

DOWN LIFE'S STREAM.

Swift the years are passing,
Fast the days go by;
Down Life's stream we're drifting,
You and I.

Hark! The boatman's calling,
We stop without a sigh;
For we're tired and weary,
You and I.

Geauga Co., O., Feb. 15, 1911.

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THE YUCCA.

Among my Lillies red I saw
A Yucca plant;
In stateliness it stood upright
All crowned with flowers snow-white,
So elegant.

As there it bloomed far from its home
So far away—
It seemed a story to tell to me
Of desert land—a sandy sea
Where none can stay.

To tell of burning, parching heat
By Sol's fierce rays,
Of scorching winds that toss the sand
Through Yucca, Cacti, Sage-bush land
For days and days.



You foreign child of barren waste,
How came you here?
Transplanted by a tender hand
You beautify a stranger's land
Without a fear.

Though Yucca-bloom, so white and fair,
You tell of home;
You tell of my Father's loving care
No matter when or how or where
His child may roam.

Columbia, Mo.

Sallie Bedford.

GOD'S WAY.

How soon earth's hopes are blasted!
How weak are mortals here!
Our fondest dreams we cherish,
Lie back of each sad tear.

And sorrow comes when only
Our souls require a change;
God knows so well each weakness;
He doth our thoughts arrange.

Could we but see our future,
As God, our Father, sees;
How many times our sorrows
Would bring us peaceful ease.

How soon earth's hopes are blasted!
How weak are mortals here!
The fondest hopes we cherish,
Lie back of each sad tear.

Elk Co., Pa.

Ella J. Rothrock.

VIOLETS UNDER THE SNOW.

I see the snow on the hillside,
Silent and white it lies;
A spotless world lies sleeping
Beneath the dull gray skies.
Oh, surely the summer is far away,
So far! and yet I know,
In the leafless forest yonder,
There are violets under the snow.

Under the snow they are dreaming,
Patiently waiting the spring,
When the sun will shine on the hillside,
And the linnet will wake and sing.
The sun shines still in the heavens,
But the gray clouds hang below,
And although we cannot find them,
There are violets under the snow.

Three Creek, Idaho

Louise R. Frakes.

MEMORIES OF MY OLD VIRGINIA HOME.



I long for a glimpse of my old southern home,
Where the sweet days of childhood were spent;
Oh, why did I leave that dear valley to roam,—
That valley of charming content.

I recall mother's flowers, and father's fruit trees,
And the cherries that grew by the lane;
Their memory comes like a soft summer breeze,
And I long for my old home again.

The wild flowers covered the fields and the hills,
And their fragrance was ever so sweet;

They bordered in richness the river and rills,
And adorned every shady retreat.

Ah, dear were those scenes to my youth's tender
part,
And their memory haunts me to-day;
For the home and the friends that were dear to
my heart,
Have passed—yes, for me, passed away.

Cherry Co., Neb., Nov. 22, 1910. Mary Babb.

ORIGIN OF THE WATER LILY.

An Indian Legend.

The Great Spirit made one homely squaw,
Frightful—oh, very bad!
She scared the little papooses,
Which made her feel quite sad.
So, lonely and disconsolate,
She to the forest went,
And begged the Great Spirit, to do
Something to bring content.

"Return," said he, "be truly good,
Help everything you can,
And you no longer will lament."
And she at once began,
For, on her homeward way, she saw
A wounded fawn, and bound
His bruises, and her heart grew light,
And joy and peace she found.

She soothed the aged, helped the weak,
The papooses amused,
Till, like an angel, grew her face,
For none her aid refused.
Her eyes grew radiant with love,
Her smile brought joy and peace;
Her noiseless step and gentle touch,
Caused pain at once to cease.

One day in lovely autumn,
A papoose fell from the shore
Into the pond; she sprang to save,
But sank, to rise no more;
But in the spring a pure white bloom,
Rose from her watery grave.
Thus, to the Water Lily, she
In dying, it's birth gave.

Nashua, N. H., Feb. 25, 1911. Bethra Liedean.

TO THE WHITE VIOLET.

Oh sweet Violets, small and few,
How my heart doth long for you!
For your petals' snowy grace,
Splashed with purple; just a trace
Of perfume about you clings.
When the bird from Southland sings,
Then perchance I'll see you here,
But the woods are oh, so drear,
Till you come.

S. Royalton, Vt., Feb. 28, 1911.

Eloise Case.

ON THE OTHER SIDE.

Across the lake, where the sun goes down,
When day, with its worry and work is o'er,
When the birds are still and the winds asleep,
We see often stretching from shore to shore,
A pathway golden, so fair and clear,
Sparkling and bright in the setting sun,
While the skies above us with rich tints glow,
Till the dusky shadows of night come on.

And often I think if we could just see
The glory God sheds on our path below,
We would sing as we journey from day to day,
Though the way were stony and clouds hung
low.

For the light of his presence would brighten all
Of the lonely, dreary and toilsome way,
Till our journey is ended, and we may rest,
At home with the Father at close of day.

On the other side there will be no care,
No sorrow, nor weeping, nor touch of sin,
To the home that the Father for us prepared,
Naught that can vex us can enter in.
All the cares and the crosses of earthly life
We shall leave behind us. And far and wide
The glory of heaven shall round us shine,
When we reach our home on the other side.

Belle M. Brewster.

Bemuspoint, N. Y., March 13, 1911.

THE DODECATHEON.

Sweet flower, standing tall and fair,
Erect with graceful air,
Though not defiantly or bold,
Dost thou thy lovely blossoms hold
With gentle graciousness inclined,
With dignity and worth combined,
Which render thee of flowers a queen
At once of brave and modest mien.
No secrets hidden in thy heart,
Thy pure white petals thrown apart
Disclose to Mother Earth no scar,
Nor canker-spot thy soul to mar.
Thy beauty is not formed by art,
Nor is thy grace a studied part,
But in thy nature's guilelessness,
Art thou with every beauty blessed.
A wreath of beauty crowns thy head,
Thy sweet perfume around is shed,
Like charity, o'er all. I ween
Of prairie flowers thou art queen.

Wagner, Okla., Mar. 15, 1911.

F. R. Guiteau.

JOHNNY-JUMP-UP.

Jump up, Sir Johnny-jump-up!
Make courtesy to Miss Spring.
Your vari-colored jacket
Will brighten everything.



Viola from her dainty bed,
Is longing Sir, for you,
And every morn her sorrow breaks
In fickle tears of dew.

The time is ripe for you to show
Yourself a gallant fellow,
Come, salve the hearts of all girls,
In blue, and red, and yellow.

Washington, D. C. Charles Albert Brewton.

THE ROBIN.

How pleasant in the opening spring,
To hear the robin blithely sing
Its joyous song of "Cheerilee",
On topmost bough of yonder tree!



At early morn, before sunrise,
Across the furrowed hills it flies;
The first to wake, the last to rest,
Dear noble bird, thy name is blest.

When autumn's cold and dreary days
Shall hie thee hence to lonely ways
Of Cedar glen and woodland dell,
My heart shall murmur, "Fare thee well!"

New York, Feb. 10, 1911.

W. G. B.

SPRING.

Catch the spirit of the Spring,
Ere it glide away;
Flowers fade, but birds will sing
All the livelong day.

Swelling buds on branches bare,
Revel in the air;
Pushing, crowding, everywhere
Lurking in mid-air.

Fragrant flowers unfolding,
Striving to be free;
Trembling, halting, swaying,
To catch the busy bee.

Nectars sweet from blossoms spring,
Scent the garden air;
Merry birds their carols sing,
Nature's guests so fair.

Annie C. Shaw.

Chataqua Co., N. Y., March 16, 1911.

THE JACK O' LANTERN.

What a wonderful thing is the jack-lantern light,
In the dark of a moonless and still autumn night,
Its wide grinning mouth, its weird eyes and
strange ears,
Awaken our laughter and kindle our fears.
Yet more, yea, much more than this can it do—
When the jack-lantern rushes the dark roadways
through.



As long as the farm-homes have girls and have boys,
As long as are kept old traditional joys,
So long can a jack-lantern light show, in truth,
How far have feet wandered from bypaths of youth.
Cayuga Co., N. Y. Cora A. Matson Dolson.

SPRINGTIME.**Winter's Query:**

Where are the dear little blossoms,
That cheered us the summer long;
They must be hiding beneath the grass
Till Springtime sings her song.

Spring's Answer:

Yes, here are the dear little blossoms,
Jack Frost with his cold is gone;
The birds and the breeze, with sunshine and
show'rs,
Tell us this is Spring's dawn.

Kingman Co., Kas.

Charlotte Elliott.

GOD'S MESSENGERS.

Fair flowers! God's messengers ye are to me,
Whether by roadside or in garden growing,—
Or in rich robes, or purest white, still showing
The Father's hand, who gave such grace to thee.

Rare Roses, lithesome Lilies, fair to see,
Your perfume, which the gentle breeze is blowing
Into my room, sets languid pulse a-flowing.
Bringing back other days, from sorrow free

I wander once more by the rippling river,
Or in the pathless woods, where mosses grow,
Find there the first spring Violets hiding low,
As if in adoration to the giver;

And with this influence o'er my spirit stealing,
I lift my heart in prayer, before Him kneeling,
West Boston, Mass. Anna M. T. Rossiter.

SPRING AND THE SNOWDROPS

It is sweet to know though the snow lies deep,
And the skies are clouded over,
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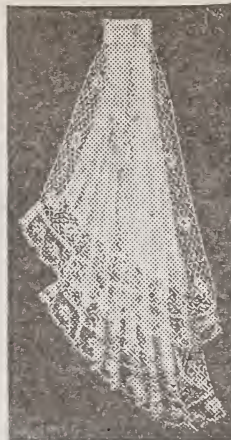
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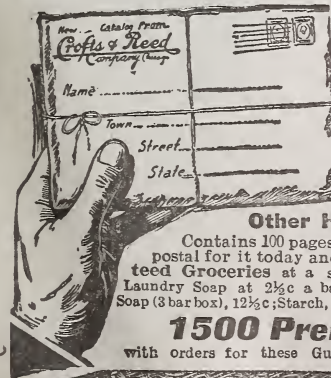


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Mrs. A. Streeter.

Fond du Lac, Wis., Feb. 6, 1911.

Mr. Park:—I thank you for the two issues of your Magazine received. The February issue is a model, truly; your editorials are very acceptable in every way; in fact it is a small encyclopedia on very many subjects. The poetry is really superior, and I have enjoyed the poetry pages very much. Your publication is making very many homes happy every month, an achievement to be proud of, and I wish you still greater success.

W. G. Black.

New York, N. Y., Feb. 10, 1911.

Mr. Park:—I find great pleasure in reading your little Magazine. I have taken it for several years, and feel as though I could not get along without it. I enjoy your editorial letters so much.

Mrs. Elizabeth Beam.

East Aurora, N. Y., Jan. 28, 1911.

Mr. Park:—I wish to say your Magazine is fine. I do not think I could raise flowers without it. In the cold winter days I get the past volumes together and read them over, marking the names of plants I wish to get. I never destroy a number, and I recommend it to my flower-loving neighbors.

Mrs. J. B.

Lafayette, Ind., Mar. 9, 1911.

Cats Sucking Breath.—Mr. Park:—That cats occasionally suck the breath of sleeping persons is known to be true.

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E. S. McClintock.

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ADDITIONAL NOTE.—Prof. Herbert W. Conn, head of the biological department at Wesleyan University, after careful investigation, reports that all the facts indicate that infantile paralysis is caused by infected fleas or other blood-sucking insects carried from place to place by cats, dogs, and other animals. The suggestion is worthy of note.—E. S. M.

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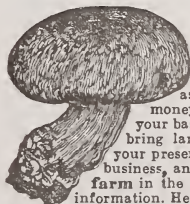
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Dear Mr. Park:—I am a girl of 12 years, and in the sixth grade. Mamma has been taking your Magazine for several years, and we appreciate it very much. The best way to keep the volumes is to bind them into a book. Then anything you want to know about flowers can surely be found in that book.

Mabel Barnett.

Somerset, Ky., Feb. 4, 1911.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am a farm boy of 14, and have a horse and a fine dog. I go 1½ miles to school. I am fond of reading, and go to Sunday School in summer. The church is a half mile from my home.

Carlton Walker.

Raven's Eye, W. Va., Feb. 19, 1911.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am a little girl, 8 years old, and live on a farm of 180 acres. I am in the 2nd grade at school. We have 5 little calves and 3 big geese. My birthday will be May 16.

Arthur, Ill., Feb. 24, 1911. Nancy J. Kaufman.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Nasturtium Enemy.—Mr. Park:—A tiny worm enters the inside of my Nasturtium leaves and tunnels through, turning the leaves yellow, and they die. How shall I stop it?—Mrs. J. C. O., Mass.

Ans.—The pest referred to is hard to eradicate. Perhaps the best remedy is to gather and burn the affected leaves.—Ed.

Himalaya Berry.—Mr. Park:—Is the Himalaya Berry what they say it is? We got so very badly taken in with the Wonderberry that we are afraid of the Himalaya Berry.

Fayette, Idaho, Mar. 11, 1911. Mrs. Jno. Holm.

Ans.—The Himalaya Berry is, I understand, a kind of Blackberry that they claim was found in the Himalaya Mountains, whence a number of species of Rubus have been introduced. I do not know the plant personally. In the Kew Gardens, London, are many species and varieties of Rubus, all grouped and carefully labeled. Some of these are marvelous in growth and fruit, and some are varieties with clusters of rich pink double flowers, as beautiful as a Rose. It seems strange that they have not been introduced to the general public and popularized. The Himalaya Berry may have been in the group, but of course it was not so named, and I did not recognize it. Some who claim to know the Himalaya Berry state that it is a good thing. Those who buy it this year, however, will have to take it on the dealer's description.—Ed.

BRIEF ANSWERS.

Water Lilies.—These will grow in a pond where the water is from six inches to two feet deep. They are often found in deeper water, but, as a rule water two feet deep is considered a satisfactory depth.

Old Manure.—When earth is taken from an old stable—earth that is really rotted manure, it can be mixed with an equal amount of sand and garden loam to form a potting compost. Better still would be a mixture of this with half-rotted sods taken from a sandy field. It might even be used as it is, adding a fourth part sand, to make it porous.

Alkali.—Sand that is charged with alkali can be improved by washing in pure water; also by mixing with it a liberal supply of lime. The treatment depends largely upon the form in which the alkali abounds.

Parsnips and Celery.—Parsnips are fine when par-boiled and fried. They are also excellent when stewed, or boiled with meat, or used in an Irish stew. Celery can be eaten raw as a relish, or can be cut up and used in a stew, or in soups. The taste for these vegetables has mostly to be acquired, but when acquired they are highly prized.

Resurrection Plant.—This is not a suitable plant for house culture. It is found growing where common terrestrial plants will not flourish. It is valuable only as a curiosity. It can be placed in a saucer of water to open, and taken out and dried, to close. A specimen will open and close many times.

WINTER THOUGHTS.

Just think of the time
That has passed away,
When the weather was cold,
And the skies were gray.

The branches were barren,
And covered with snow,
While the flowers were nestled,
And sleeping below,

When the days were short,
And the nights were long,
And the moaning wind
Was the only song.

When fields, where Daisies
Once made a fine show,
Were lifeless and covered
With drifting snow.

Think of the Violet,
The poor little thing,
Just longing and waiting
For the coming of Spring.

The Crocus lay sleeping,
But hid from our sight,
Dreaming of the time
When it would see light,

The Winter's now gone
With its cold and its snow,
And Spring seems more glorious
By the contrast we know.

Benton, Ky., Feb. 22, 1911. Jno. H. Lents.

CORRESPONDENCE.

From Virginia.—Friend Park:—We are lovers of flowers, and have taken your Magazine ever since we made its acquaintance. The tone of this little Magazine reminds us of the fragrance and beauty of flowers, whose influence is ever elevating and refining. I can heartily endorse your temperance and war sentiments. I have just had a little 8-page tract printed, and enclose a copy for your inspection. You see I take the stand that war does not belong to a Christian civilization. I will send a package of this tract free to any of your readers on receipt of a stamp to prepay postage. S. P. Yoder.

Denbigh, Va., Feb. 9, 1911.

Note—The tract written and published by Mr. Yoder is a clear and forcible plea for peace as a Christian obligation. It entirely coincides with the editor's views, and he cheerfully recommends it. Its distribution among thinking Christian people, and those interested in the peace and welfare or nations cannot but have an influence in moulding public opinion against war, which is really the greatest curse of the world. How many of the Magazine readers will assist the author in its distribution?—Ed.

From Cuba.—Mr. Park:—When the lovely orange-blossoms with other flowers perfume the air, on moonlight nights a person can imagine this is fairyland, or a perfect Paradise. Everything seems so beautiful we are loth to retire to our slumber. If the thousands who suffer from ailments were here they would be surprised and delighted, for it is plenty cool for comfort, though the natives prefer it warmer, and often come to beg for bed-clothes. The ocean breezes temper the atmosphere, making it comfortable even when the hot sun is shining. The coolest night the past winter was January 3rd, when the mercury indicated 36° above zero. We have delicious Pineapples, sweet Oranges and Grapefruit, and many kinds of fruit unknown in the States. We have no church here yet, but have a school where Spanish is taught, and one store. We have lived here five years, and enjoy riding horseback through the woods, as the roads wind through them and look so beautiful. This country is new and undeveloped, and needs American enterprise and capital. It is just across the bay from Nuevitas, where we sell most of our produce.

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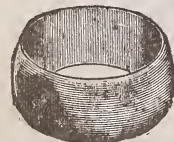


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From California.—Dear Editor:—When we bought our place it was full of weeds, and almost everyone who called on me said, "Now, when you get ready to plant flowers you can have all you want from me." One friend gave me roots and slips of many rare plants, and helped me to get them started. A short time ago a storm drain burst, and covered their garden with 2½ feet of sand, and many plants were washed away. I immediately told them when their garden was in order again they could help themselves to anything I had. "Cast your bread upon the waters and it shall return after many days." I mentally class those who are penurious with their plants, as narrow-minded and exclusive. I am ready to share anything I own, and I find the more I give the more I have. Mrs. E. Leyrer.

Pacific Grove, Cal., Mar. 15, 1911.

Tobacco and Intoxicants.—There is no doubt that the use of tobacco eventually leads to drink; and we are told that 150,000 men, women and children annually fill drunkard's graves in the United States. Also, that one-half of those who die of tuberculosis are indirectly killed by intoxicants. To exterminate a disease there is no limit to which the State will not go, yet licenses to sell alcoholic beverages are given out freely in many States. Recently I read of the death of three children of tobacco heart—the offspring of an excessive user of the weed—the weed that should be used only for killing vermin.

Mary R. Kertland.

E. Lansdowne, Pa., Mar. 16, 1911.

QUESTIONS.

Tailless Chickens.—Where can I get the chickens without tails, called Bunties?—Mrs. Clara C. Wait, 604 Sells Ave., Atlanta, Ga.

Pomegranate.—How old must a seedling Pomegranate be to bloom and bear.—Mrs. B. Butler, O., Mar. 21, 1911.

BRIEF ANSWERS.

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Mrs. Park:—I have taken your Floral Magazine for seven years, and every month it becomes more attractive and dear to me. I am perhaps one of your most ardent lovers of flowers.

Mrs. A. J. Louks.

St. Joseph Co., Mich., Mar. 18, 1911.

CHILDREN'S CORNER.

THOSE HORRID BOYS.

Oh! the worry and the bother
Of these horrid little boys;
They are always taking house-room
To make a dreadful noise.

With rusty nails and hammer
They squat upon the floor,
And when they've made quite noise enough,
They go to making more.

No matter what they're doing,
They're bound to have a fight,—
Yes, they'll fight and pound each other,
And claim they're doing right.

Sheffield, Vt., Mar 2, 1911. Lena Collins.

CHILDREN'S LETTERS.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am a farm girl, 12 years old, and love flowers very much. My favorites are Roses and Pinks. Mamma has a pretty yellow Canna. It had about 20 flowers on last summer. But she can't keep the roots over winter. They always freeze up and die. We keep lots of flowers in the window, and they bloom most of the time. Lizzie Ruhe.

Grand Island, Neb., Jan. 29, 1911.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am a little girl, 9 years old. I go a half mile to school, and am in the Third reader. Mother has been taking your Magazine for 25 years, and we enjoy it. I got up a club and received the Swiss Clock. It is very pretty, and keeps good time. Loretta Casler.

Merrifields, N. Y., Feb. 3, 1911.

Dear Mr. Park:—We are country girls, 10 and 12 years old. Mother raises lots of pretty flowers, and some are blooming now. We both enjoy the Magazine, and wish you success.

M. E., and Susie Hartley.

Allen, Miss., Feb. 13, 1911.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am a little girl of nine years, and am a great lover of birds and flowers. Mamma takes your Magazine, and says she would not be without it. We live on a big farm, and I feed the chickens and gather the eggs for Mamma.

Doris Worrell.

Arcadia, Kan., Feb. 23, 1911.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am a farm boy, 13 years old. I own two sheep, and my brother and I own a cow together. We sell the calf every year and put the money in the bank. I have just begun to take your Magazine. I think it is fine around the farm, because there is plenty of room to raise flowers. I love flowers of every kind, and



have a garden with my mother. I have a dog, and am going to train him to drive stock.

Andrew N. Adams.

Clarksville, Md., Feb. 24, 1911.



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Roamed daily to gather flowers,
And our lives were happy and free.

In later years we were lovers,
And the woodland held much charm
As we meandered along the brooklet
That skirted the dear old farm.

But now, dear wife, we are feeble,
For we're nearing the golden shore;
Our lives have been happy together,
And we hope they'll be ever more.
Sioux City, Ia., March 20, 1911. O. E. K.

GROWLING.

God pity the man or the woman
Who is anchored by marriage for life,
To a genuine human growler,
Be it either the man or the wife.

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'Tisn't always the drunkard and bummer
That is the growler, you'll find,
But often the pious churchman,
In his pew on Sunday, you'll find.

Dear reader, when for the wicked,
Suffering, downtrodden, you pray,
Just lift a prayer for the family
And home of the growler, today.
Bradford Co., Pa., March 21, 1911. O. A. Manley.

HOW TO BE HAPPY.

"Count that day lost whose low descending sun,
Views from thy hand no worthy action done."
But what shall thy worthy action be? Kind-
ness! To be endowed with kindness is more
precious than gold. If you do not possess it,
strive hard to cultivate it, not only in yourself
but in others.
Lizzie Mowen.
Columbus, Ohio, Mar. 16, 1911.

Adam's Apple.—A subscriber suggests that
"Adam's Apple" is a species of
Solanum. It is possibly Solanum
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Pennville, Ind., B. 84, Feb. 10, 1911.

Better Than Cats.—Mr. Park:—I have a
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than all the cats in creation. I would not have
a cat or dog. We have lots of birds—indeed
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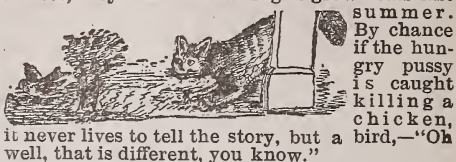
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ABOUT BIRDS.

Mr. Park:—Your little Magazine is a most welcome visitor in our home; and it seems so good to find friends through its pages, who really love Nature and her birds and flowers.

I try very hard not to become pessimistical on the subject, but it does seem as though there was no one around here who cares how soon the birds become extinct. Cats thrive everywhere, and in one home where there are barns and out-houses, they admitted owning 16 grown cats last



summer. By chance if the hungry pussy is caught killing a chicken, it never lives to tell the story, but a bird,—“Oh well, that is different, you know.”

Only a few years ago we had seven bird-houses all in close proximity to the house and each one occupied with flourishing families of Wrens or Bluebirds. At the same time there were two families of Phoebees on a beam in the shed, and a nest of Swallows under the eaves. Besides these little personal friends, who really seemed to like all the attention we would give them, there were two Baltimore Orioles, and any quantity of Robins near by, while the barn was full of Swallows inside and out.

That was about seven years ago. The next year the first English Sparrows came, and the Bluebirds disappeared like magic. All the Swallows on the place have now been driven away, and last summer I had only a family of Phoebees and a pair of plucky little Wrens who built in four different bird-houses only to have each one destroyed sooner or later by either English Sparrows or Red Squirrels.

At the time when the birds were so plenty we kept a cat, but two seasons ago, we disposed of the one, and since then the Red Squirrels have become very bold and quite common, even sitting on the window-sills and looking at me. They are bright, pretty little creatures and at first I encouraged them. But last year when I discovered one pulling my Wren's nest to pieces where I had reason to believe there were young birds, I concluded my affection for them was not the enduring kind.



During the winter it has been our custom to put out suet, etc., but I have seen but one Chickadee this season. However, Red Squirrels, Blue Jays and English Sparrows seem more common than ever, and I am at a loss to know what to do, for I would about as soon give up my flowers as the dear little friendly birds, who used to seem to love us just as much as we loved them.

Mabel L. Patterson.

Hartford Co., Conn., Feb 22, 1911.

Favors a Cat-tax.—Mr. Park:—I am in favor of a tax on cats as well as on dogs. This would insure the protection of the good ones, and destruction of the worthless ones. I find that not all cats catch birds, but those that do should be put out of the way. I am a new subscriber to your Magazine, and am well pleased with it. I think it is worth many times its subscription price.

Lucy L. Wrenn.

Disputanta, Va., Feb. 10, 1911.

A Notice.—Mrs. M. E. C. Pearce, of Louisiana, a friend of the Magazine who is 73 years of age, and has been a subscriber for an average life-time, has had so many enquiries from her recent note in the Magazine that she cannot answer all. She sent freely many seeds, but is now sick, and cannot answer more.

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Life's skies seem now to be more dear,
For fear and gloom have passed away.

The sweetest thoughts with Easter come,
And charming always is the Name,
We think of Christ, the Holy One,
Who died for us and rose again.

And as His life for us He gave
A ransom for our sins, then we
Can claim His love and grace to save,
And fit us for eternity.

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Albert Vassar.

SINCE MOTHER WAS TAKEN AWAY.

Few house plants deck the windows now
To greet me at the close of day,
For some have not had proper care
Since mother was taken away.

We miss the fragrant Hyacinths,
That made our winters swift and gay;
We miss the wealth of window plants
That gave a cheering ray.

The flower garden, too, I own,
No more presents its grand display,
For all our coaxing is in vain,
They dwindle on from day to day.

The Rambling Rose beside the porch
Inclines its crest as if to say,
"There is no joy in life to me,
Since she has gone away."

But how I love the flowers, yes,
For all the meaning they convey;
They are my guardian angel now
Since mother was taken away.

Allegheny Co., N. Y., Mar. 4, 1911. M. Conklin.

Birds in Kentucky.—Mr. Park:—We have lots of birds here. Every spring a Blue Jay builds in the big Oak which stands in our yard; the little Wrens build in the meat house; and the Song Sparrows in the Rose bushes. A Red Bird built in the Crimson Rambler but a cat tore the nest out before the eggs were hatched. I hate cats more every day. Our yard was full of birds today—several kinds of little Sparrows, Red Birds and six Mocking Birds in an Apple tree that stands in the yard. Mrs. L. B. Coppage.

Ohio Co., Ky., Oct. 15, 1910.

No Flower Beggars.—I do not know anything about flower beggars, as we do not have them here. I love to give seeds, bulbs, plants and flowers whenever I can. I like to remember the sick, and people who do not have flowers. I love to work among the flowers, and to read about them. Your Magazine is a welcome visitor.

Mrs. Asa Voigtlander.
Elvaston, Ill., Jan. 27, 1911.

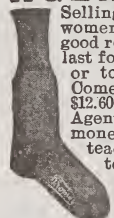
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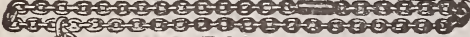
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They raised Cain over that and the fact is no fable, They tried garden-making, but pooh, were not Abel, And broke themselves down all alone on this globe, Then called in the doctor—(they were patients of Job).

Some thousand years later poor Eve, quite a stranger, Just happened to visit in old Pennsylvania, And beheld there a garden so fair, so immense, It made her lost Eden look like thirty cents.

It is said as she gazed on this beautiful place, The smile-that-won't-come-off illumined her face, And she sighed, "I'll take back all previous remarks, I love you dear Eden, but oh, oh, you Parks—"

For the Parks fill the bill all the glad sunny hours, A Paradise surely of grass, fruit and flowers, And evil, alas, in these Parks cannot be, While a serpent made Eden a bad place for me."

If others like Eve would admire Nature's bounty, Let them visit LaPark in old Lancaster county, And swear there by George, from daybreak till dark, That Eden is outclassed by this up-to-date Park. Camp Dennison, O. Elvira Sidnor Miller.

English Sparrows.—There are so many English Sparrows in this State, and they are so cruel to the little song birds. They rob them of their nests, kill them, worry them and drive them away. How are we going to protect the little songsters from the sparrows when we put up houses or boxes for them? L. L. S. Butler, O., Feb. 25, 1911.

Ans.—There is but one way to discourage the English Sparrows in summer, and that is to watch where they build and destroy their nests. Even then it is hazardous to enlist the efforts of boys, as they are liable to mistake nests of the Song Sparrow for those of the English Sparrow. In winter during December and January a bounty might be offered for the female birds, say a cent apiece for each, and at the same time give a description of the birds, so that desirable insectivorous birds may not be mistaken for English Sparrows. It is a fact, well proven, that the native song birds decrease in proportion as the English Sparrows increase. If we allow them tuii sway our delightful song birds will be a novelty a century later.—Ed.

QUESTION.

Non-blooming Wistaria.—I have a white Wistaria that has never bloomed. Is there a way to force the blooms?—Mrs. R., La.

Paeony and "Valleys."—Have any persons been successful with Paeonies and Lilies of the Valley at or near Colorado Springs, the altitude being 6000 feet? If so, with what treatment?—Mrs. Garstin, Col., Feb. 9, 1911.

Crinum Kirkii.—Will someone tell us something about this Crinum and its culture. When does it bloom? Does the old bulb grow larger or die?—Mrs. Guss, Pa.

Trioma.—I have a 3-year-old seedling Trioma that has never bloomed. When will it bloom? I also have a 12-year-old Yucca, or Rock Lily, as it is called here. When will it bloom? What treatment shall I give these plants to make them bloom?—Mrs. Lawborne, Va., Feb. 11, 1911.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

A Crippled Boy.—T. H. Davis, of Bluford, Ill., a cripple, is fond of flowers and shows his worthiness in encouraging the love of them among his friends and neighbors, by securing subscriptions for the Floral Magazine. He has already sent in several clubs. In his little story he says, "I've been a cripple since youth, and it has kept me from having much pleasure. I go on crutches, which is hard work and makes me tired. I can't get out and run about as do my little friends, but I cherish the hope of a better life in the Better Land some day." May his hopes be fully realized.

THE FILTHY TOBACCO HABIT.

Mr. Park:—I write to tell you how much I appreciate your little Magazine. I read almost every word in it, and lay the copies away for future reference. I appreciate the stand you take on tobacco. Why don't every reputable publication in the country make half such a protest against the habit of chewing, smoking and rubbing snuff as the prohibition people make against whiskey? If they did, I'm sure it would be more profitable to a greater number of people, and would remove a greater nuisance than the whiskey nuisance. Don't understand me that I am not in favor of temperance, but while we have temperate whiskey let us have temperate tobacco. I seldom see a real drunk person; but I never go on the street or in any public place that I am not compelled to swallow more or less tobacco smoke, which makes me so sick I often have to vomit. If I should put strychnine in the water for the smoker to drink, I would be regarded as an arch fiend, and would be sent to the penitentiary, or swung up for it, and what right has he to poison the air I have to breathe?

What is any worse than smelling the breath of an inveterate tobacco chewer? And what looks any worse than seeing amber squirted in every direction? And then snuff—mercy! I have no word in my vocabulary that will express my disgust, when it comes to snuff! I believe there is more expense, indency and ruined nerves, blunted sensibilities, and more of lowering and degrading of the human race brought about by the use of tobacco than has ever been done by whiskey or any other one evil, but:

"The fools will never all be dead,

I'll tell the reason why—

The young ones they are growing up.

And the old ones never die."

If there could be a way of keeping young people from learning the tobacco habit, the old users would all die after awhile, and what a nice clean world this would be. There is no reforming a tobacco user, the only hope is to prevent all the young people from forming the habit. There is not one person out of a dozen who has become a slave to tobacco but what will tell you they would give anything if they did not use it. So, why not, with the assistance of those who do use it and those who don't, inaugurate a move all over the country to save the young people from tobacco. Let business firms, railroad corporations and others, say: "We do not employ persons, after a certain time, who use tobacco in any form. If you use tobacco, no matter what your other accomplishments are, we cannot pay you first-class wages." Let this be a fact, and let it be taught in the schools and the home, and let every ambitious boy and girl understand that there is no first-class place, nor price, nor society for tobacco users.

Mrs. C. N. Brooks.

Burnsville, W. Va., Feb. 15, 1911.

Note.—At Philadelphia most of the people arriving by the Pennsylvania railroad pass through the big City Hall to reach the business district, and the entrance on each side of the building is richly adorned with a fine display of natural flowers, Roses, Carnations, Geraniums and others, delicate, brilliant, fragrant and beautiful. But as you pass in you find each side lined with huge spittoons, filthy and nauseous in the extreme, loathsome and disgusting to the refined eye, and their presence there is altogether due to the tobacco habit, as the contents prove. To see these filthy spittoons, and then think of the mouths that empty their contents there, we get an idea of the nastiness and loathsomeness we can realize in no other way. "He that is filthy, let him be filthy still." What better can we do? But, oh, how many innocent people have to suffer and endure it!—Ed.

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ABOUT BIRDS.

Mr. Park:—One of the good things your Magazine is doing is that it brings to the notice of so many people the great need of a constant and untiring effort to preserve the lives of our native birds. I think, however, that the most effective method will be to enlist the services of the children on behalf of the birds. Of course, we have laws to protect bird life, but I fear that in a good many instances they are a "snare and delusion."

In the summer of 1909 my parents had a small boy about ten years of age to pick cherries. He was a bright little fellow, but had never been properly trained, and one day, chancing to see the small rifle kept by the hired man for target practice, he slipped out of the house with it. Hearing shots I went to investigate, and found him in the orchard near the house shooting birds.



On being questioned he boasted that he had "shot seven, and never missed a shot." I told how much good the birds do, and how wrong it was to kill them, also telling him of the law to protect them. Here is his answer:—"There is no law to protect sparrows (English), and in L— (his home town) they give two cents for every one killed. They give it for spitzies, too, 'cause I've taken them." On questioning him, I found that by "spitzies," he meant Chippies and Song Sparrows. He knew this, but the men to whom he applied for bounty, either did not know, or were too careless to observe what kind of birds he had. This does not give us much to hope for from the law, does it? **Eliza Beth.**

Armstrong Co., Pa., Jan. 21, 1911.

Note:—The above serves to emphasize what I have repeatedly said, that nine-tenths of the people, men or boys, do not know the difference between a Song Sparrow and an English Sparrow. A law against English Sparrows should be effective only during December and January, and anyone bringing a Song Sparrow or an insectivorous bird, which is protected, to claim a bounty, should be fined to the full extent of the law. This would brighten ideas as to the appearance of the different birds.—Ed.

THE CAT SHOULD GO.

Dear Mr. Park:—There has been evidenced quite an averse feeling against cats in our city. Not one of us non-lovers of cats would be cruel to them. We simply wish that class of animals put where no harm can be done, the same as we would put a tiger, a lion or other dangerous animal under restraint or out of existence. Disease is a menace to human life! The cat certainly spreads disease, and for that reason is detrimental to man's welfare. I have often thought it an act of great unthoughtfulness and inconsistency



to quarantine the human inmates of a house harboring an infectious disease, but permit the cat perfect liberty to go where he pleases and spread disease into the homes of others. Strange logic that. Birds are the God-given friends of man, to help him combat insect pests brought upon the earth through the curse resultant from sin. Whoever, whatever interferes with their God-given work towards man, is a detriment to human welfare. That the cat is slyly but surely, and all too rapidly, lessening the number of these useful friends of man, birds, is the world-wide testimony of intelligent people who "Know whereof they speak". For the good of man, more reasons than one, the cat should go.

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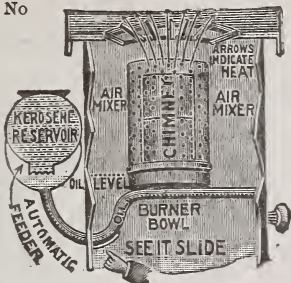
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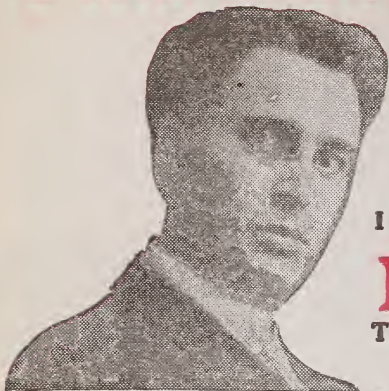
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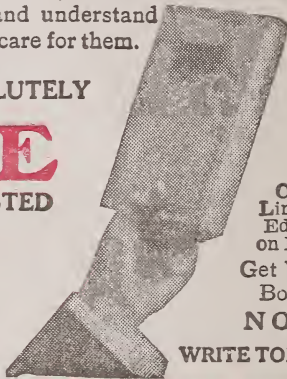


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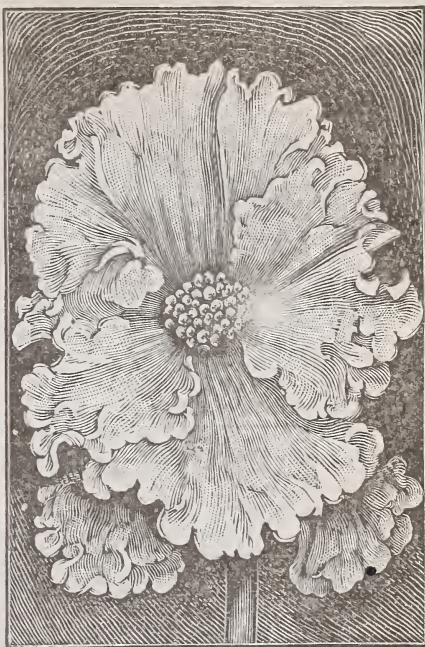
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[Mr. Park:—Here is an old poem, one I knew in childhood many years ago.—Mrs. Prageman, Tracy, Ct.]

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A mother robin cried;
"I cannot, cannot find them,
Though I've sought them far and wide,

"I left them well this morning,
When I went to seek their food,
But I found upon returning,
A nest without a brood.

"I've called them in the bushes,
And the rolling stream beside,
But they came not to my bidding;
I'm afraid they all have died.

"Oh, have you naught to tell me,
That will ease my aching breast,
About my tender off-spring,
That I left within the nest?"

"I can tell you all about them,"
Said a little wanton boy.
"For 'twas I who had the pleasure,
Your nestlings to destroy.

"But I did not think their mother,
Her little ones would miss,
Or ever come to hail me
With a wailing sound like this.

"I did not know your bosom,
Was formed to suffer woe,
And to mourn your murdered children,
Or I wouldn't have grieved you so,

"I'm sorry I have taken,
The lives I can't restore,
And this regret shall teach me,
To do the thing no more,

"I ever shall remember,
The plaintive voices I've heard,
Nor kill another nestling,
To pain a mother bird."

Note.—I cannot believe that any of the little boys who read the Magazine, would be so cruel as to rob a bird's nest, and thus grieve the loving parent birds. Would you my dear little boy?—Ed.

THE HOMELESS CHILDREN.

Mr. Park:—Why don't "Cranky Bachelor" and "Bachelor Girl" practice what they preach, and give some of those starving children a home? No doubt they have more time and money to care for them than hundreds of married women, whom they think ought to be burdened with them. As to the "poodle lovers" they are few and far between, and no doubt have been children that some foolish mother has spoiled; and in my estimation it is just as bad to spoil a child as to lavish so much affection on a dog. I have seen children so spoiled and ill-behaved that when their mothers took them away from home they were more of a nuisance than a dog could be. Treat a dog with kindness, and he will repay you ten-fold if allowed to sleep indoors. He is the best protection we can have against burglars and fire, in saving his master's life and property. So why abuse the faithful watch-dog, or censure his owner for treating him kindly. Surely kindness to dumb creatures is not looked upon as a crime, or considered foolish in the eyes of God.

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Franklin Co., O., Mar. 16, 1911.

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A subscriber at Colorado Springs sends a leaf of her English Ivy which is almost covered with a small, whitish scale insect. The enemy attacked the lower leaves, and is working upward. She has soaked the plant with tobacco, and soaked and washed it in cold water, but without effect. If the scales were brushed loose, and the leaves sponged off with almost boiling soapsuds, the pest would disappear. The work would have to be thorough, however, as one scale left upon the plant would soon pollute it again. If the foliage were sprayed with Sherwin and Williams lime and sulphur solution, using about 15 parts water to one of the solution, it would doubtless be effectual. This material does not whiten or crust upon the foliage as the common boiled lime and sulphur, being a liquid, and when diluted properly it will not injure the foliage. Besides being a sure remedy for scale, it is excellent for leaf-hoppers, thrips, rose-slugs and other insect pests that prey upon Roses, and should be applied just after the leaves develop. It is a sure remedy for scale upon Apple, Peach, Pear, Quince and shrubbery when applied during the winter or early spring, using the stronger form of one pint solution to five or six quarts of water.

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"This is the warning uttered by Dr. William T. Hornaday, director of the New York Zoological Park, who sees in our wholesale and wilful destruction of animal life the sure precursor of a desolate country.

"The 'do-as-I-please' spirit of the average American, long open seasons, voracious markets and automatic guns are doing their deadly work and bequeathing to our grandchildren the curse of our carelessness.

"We now have a few buffalo where we had millions; the native egret has disappeared; the sage grouse is fast vanishing; the wood duck is nearing annihilation; the passenger pigeon is gone; the trumpeter swan will soon be no more; the Carolina parakeet is about extinct, and so it goes.

"And this ceaseless slaughter of unoffending creatures of beauty continues that men may satisfy their sport, that epicures may load their tables with tid-bits and vain women their hats with plumage.

"Let our fathers and mothers who toil to leave their children a heritage of wealth pause before leaving them also a heritage of songless days and nights and silent woods."

CHILDREN'S CORNER.

Dear Mr. Park:—I have taken your Magazine for two years, and enjoy it very much. I intend to get up a club of ten subscribers and get the Swiss clock. I am a country girl. Will exchange postals. Elzona Griffin.

Carr, Fla., Feb. 17, 1911.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am a farm boy, 16 years old, and go to the high school. I love flowers, and have a large collection. I will exchange postals with other boys and girls. G. W. Spears.

Clemmons, N. C., R. 1, Feb. 8, 1911.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am 7 years old and am in the third reader at school. My little sister, Aliene, has one doll, and I have two dolls. I have no favorite flowers. I enjoy the Children's Corner. Ava Lockard.

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CHILDREN'S CORNER.

Dear Mr. Park:—I received the watch sent me for getting up a club for the Magazine. I appreciate it very much, and thank you for it. It keeps perfect time. **Percy Warren.**

Olympia, Wash., Feb. 9, 1911.

Note.—Are there not many other little boys who would like a handsome pocket time-piece? It takes but a little time to get ten subscriptions (\$1.50) to the Magazine and premium flower or vegetable seeds, and the watch will be mailed you free for your effort. If preferred I will mail the beautiful little Swiss clock. How many boys and girls shall I hear from this month?—Editor.

THE SWISS CLOCK.

Dear Mr. Park:—The little Swiss Clock came safely, and runs all right—has never stopped.

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Mrs. Will Hiatt.

Spiceland, Ind., Oct. 12, 1910.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am so pleased with the little Swiss Clock. It has been running splendidly, and I never have any trouble with it. I am very proud of it, and thank you very much for it.

Mrs. Otto Van Humrick.

Detroit, Mich., Jan. 24, 1911.

Dear Mr. Park:—I thank you very much for the little Swiss Clock. It is certainly a beautiful piece of architecture, and a good time-keeper. I am more than pleased with it. I have earned a good many premiums, but none with the eloquence of this dear little clock.

Ernest Kenel.

Atlantic Mine, Mich., Feb. 16, 1911.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am a little boy seven years old. I go to school. My little friend and I went out one Saturday and got enough subscriptions in half the day to get the watch. It was no trouble to get subscriptions with the seed premium. I have my watch now, and am certainly pleased with it. And now my little friend has almost enough subscriptions to earn the watch. Mama has been taking your Magazine for several years, and likes it fine. I thank you, dear Mr. Park, for your kindness and promptness in sending the watch. Your little friend,

Carsonville, Va., Feb. 27, '11. **D. Paul Bartlett.**

[Note.—Now is the time to secure subscriptions to the Magazine with the liberal seed premium. See offer on another page. Only 10 subscriptions at 15 cents each, which includes the Magazine a year and 10 packets of choice flower or vegetable seeds, will secure this elegant little clock or the handsome nickel watch, by mail prepaid. It may not take an hour for you to get up such a club. Don't delay, but get up your club at once, before the seed season is past.—Ed.]

BRIEF ANSWER.

Slugs.—In California slugs and snails sometimes become troublesome in the garden. Perhaps the best remedy is to apply two dressings of fresh slaked lime to the soil, one during a dry day, and the other the night following. The slugs can be trapped by placing piles of bran in places where they harbor. A raised board will attract snails at night, and they can be gathered and destroyed. In the greenhouse the introduction of toads and frogs will be found of benefit.

Cyclamen.—This plant will not die after blooming, but will increase in size and beauty for several years, and bloom throughout the winter. It can be bedded out in a partially shaded bed during summer, and lifted and potted early in autumn. It should be moderately watered at all times. If allowed to dry out the plant will be injured and stunted.



Lily and Musk.—Lily seeds mostly come up tardily, and it is always better for the amateur to buy the bulbs than to attempt to raise them from seeds. Sow in sandy, porous soil and keep moist and rather cool till the plantlets appear.

* * Musk is known in catalogues as Mimulus Moschatus. The plants are readily started from seeds, and do well in partial shade in light, fibrous soil with good drainage. It is fine for a pot or a basket. The pleasant musky odor is more perceptible after watering or sprinkling.

Cypripedium.—The native species of Cypripedium may be grown from seeds, but it is better to obtain plants. They are offered by many dealers in hardy native plants.

Euonymus Japonica.—Mrs. Ellison, of West Virginia, has an evergreen bush, five years old and four feet high, and sends a leaf to know its name. It is evidently Euonymus Japonica, a hardy plant from Japan, unsurpassed for an ornamental evergreen hedge. It is perfectly hardy. There is a variety with variegated leaves, often grown as a house plant. The little engraving represents a leaf of this variety.



Clematis.—Most of the species of Clematis like a deep rich, moist soil. Our natives are usually found in boggy places, and along streams. Mrs. Brown, of Washington, sends a spray of Clematis, wanting to know the name and habits of the plants. Most of the species are vines, and bear white or purple flowers in clusters. The vines climb by means of the leaf-stems, which entwine about anything they touch. They mostly prefer a partially shaded place.

Cyclamen After Blooming.—When Cyclamen cease to bloom repot them in fresh soil, and keep them in partial shade, never allowing them to dry out. They may be placed outdoors in summer. Remove them to the window early in autumn, and they will bloom throughout the winter.

MAGAZINE APPRECIATED.

Dear Mr. Park:—I wish to tell you how I appreciate your Magazine. I never fail to find in it what I am looking for in the way of floral information.

Mrs. C. M. Roth.

Prospect, Pa., Jan. 30, 1911.

CORRESPONDENCE.

From South Carolina.—Mr. Park:—I am a country girl, and like farm life better than city life. I like birds better than dogs and cats. I think the Cranky Bachelor is just right in what he said about dogs and cats.

Carrie Dickson.

Westminster, S. C., Feb. 13, 1911.

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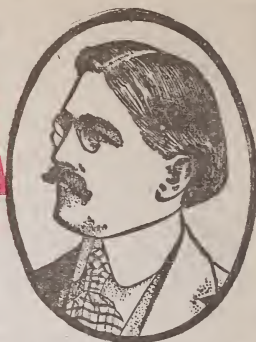
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THAT "SOLDIER BOY" POEM.

Someone at Cumberland, Maryland, sent me a long poem on "The Soldier Boys," in which he lauds their occupation, and encourages enlisting for the Army. I need hardly say that it found a place in the waste basket, as I am not in sympathy with the sentiment. The glory of war is passing in this advanced civilization. In a general way I have no time for the boy or man who undertakes to equip himself for the occupation of taking the life of his fellow men. There is nothing brave or noble or uplifting in that occupation. Dueling and personal fighting is now almost a thing of the past, except among the low and degraded and lawless, and those who have no control of themselves. More than 3000 years ago the Wisest Man wrote:

"He that is slow to anger is better than the mighty; and he that ruleth his spirit than he that taketh a city."

This was a true saying then, and it is just as true today. The people of this enlightened age are beginning to realize its truthfulness, and law and reason are in a greater degree governing the minds of men and nations. There is no more reason for a war between nations than for a personal combat, and if one can be governed by law, so can the other. It is only a matter of time until it will. Then will come to pass that glorious age prophesied by the prophets Isaiah (2:4) and Micah (4:3), when

"They shall beat their swords into plow-shares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore."

The old poets heaped glory upon those who engaged in war, because the popular mind considered that the greatest and noblest achievement of man. Today it is not so. The teachings of Jesus, and the popular studies of nature and ethics are bringing the people to a higher plane of thought and feeling. The poet who lauds war and those who enlist for the destruction of life are more than twenty centuries behind the times, and ought to be keeping company with their brothers of past ages. Let us have modern themes to think and write upon, and evolve modern thought, and not go back to the stale subjects and ideas which characterized the verses of the Ancients.



CORRESPONDENCE.

From Maine.—Mr. Park:—I laugh sometimes at some of the descriptions in catalogues. Only a day or two ago I read that "Alyssum Saxatile grows six inches high," while I haven't a plant less than a foot high, even before the blossoms appear. It is apparently as hardy as Rocket, for some of mine is in a very exposed situation, where winter blasts have a clean sweep over it, and I give that bed no protection.

Adella F. Veazie.

Rockport, Me., Mar. 13, 1911.

CHILDREN'S CORNER.

Dear Mr. Park:—I have been receiving your Magazine for a year or more. I appreciate it as much as a friend, and can hardly wait from one month to the other for it to come. I never get tired reading in the cheerful little Magazine. I love to read the letters very much, and learn so much about flowers. I would like to exchange post cards with readers of my age (17 years).

Goldie B. Richter.

Bremen, Ind., R. 3, Jan. 25, 1911.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am a boy 10 years old and live on a farm on the edge of town. Mamma takes your Magazine, and we all enjoy it. I am sending you a club of subscribers, to get the watch. Please send it by mail. Emil Lehman. Magnolia, Minn., Jan. 14, 1911.

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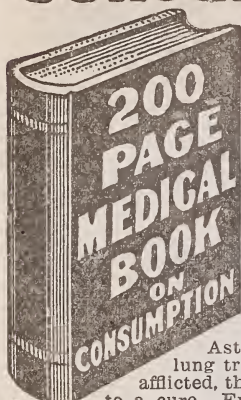


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Mr. Park:—While writing I cannot keep from saying a few words of heartfelt thanks for the helpful and noble stand you are taking in regard to bird-hunting. And I thank you especially for what you have said against the filthy and unmanly tobacco habit. This is just the kind of reading I like to place in the hands of my four young boys, and it interests them, too. You should just see them "pounce" upon Park's Magazine whenever a new number comes, and it is long before I get a chance to lay my hands upon it. I have many volumes of the Magazine bound, and whenever I get any new plants or packages of seeds I turn to the index and read everything I can find about them. It is very helpful and interesting, and has stimulated my fondness for flowers more than anything else I could have read. From its pages I have learned to successfully sow the fine seeds of choice flowers, carefully cultivate the plants, and protect them from insect enemies and winter's cold, until now I have a fine collection of many kinds, in spite of an occasional 40° below zero in winter, and the drouth in summer.

Mrs. G. A. Johnson.
Brantwood, Wis., Mar. 7, 1911.

Cats and Squirrels.—**Mr. Park:**—Oh, no, I have no use for cats, for I have often seen the sleek, well-fed one, as well as the lean one, with a bird in its mouth, and no scolding or stoning would cause it to drop its prey. And I think Red Squirrels are as bad as cats. I saw one with a Robin, and it was actually eating the flesh from that poor bird while alive. My son and I clubbed and stoned, but the squirrel only held the bird in its mouth and jumped from limb to limb, getting away.

Lafayette, Ind., Mar. 9, 1911.

Mrs. J. B.



Cranky Bachelor.—**Mr. Park:**—I was much amused at what the Cranky Bachelor had to say about woman. But would it not be ever so much more Christian-like and becoming to him and his like to look inward. Oh, Selfishness, thy name is "Bachelor." How careful he is of his own dear self! Probably he is a large user of absorbent cotton, and constantly being sterilized. If he could get a wife who would live up to his silly notions she might have an excellent time with him. I am positive I would fall in love with him the moment I met him.

Uinta Co., Utah, Feb. 7, 1911. An Old Maid.

Note.—A Cranky Bachelor in the far west became a benedict after his letter was published in the Magazine, and he afterward wrote that he owed me a debt that he could never repay for thus bringing supreme happiness into his life. I have an idea, however, that the "Old Maid" who enters the "Ark" with Tampa Bachelor had better leave the dog and cat outside if she expects the dove with the olive branch to find a lodgment there. Better take more than a "moment," sister, to consider the matter.—Ed.

QUESTION AND ANSWER.

Rose Pest.—**Mr. Park:**—My house rose is troubled with a little black pest that covers the leaves, causing them to drop off. How shall I treat it?—Mrs. P., N. S., Can.

Ans.—The pest is doubtless the mite known as Red Spider. If the leaves are badly infested strip them off and burn them, stripping downward, so as to leave none of the stems on. Then dip the denuded plant in hot soap suds several times, the suds being somewhat hotter than the hand will bear. The new foliage that will shortly appear will be free from the pest. To prevent another attack keep the atmosphere moist by the evaporation of water from broad open pans, and spray the foliage often with pure cold water.—Ed.

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CHILDREN'S CORNER.

Dear Mr. Park:—I have been a reader of your Magazine for some time, and enjoy it very much. I am very fond of flowers, and if it were not for the birds this world would be an altogether different place. My favorite bird is the Robin, and my favorite flower is the Hyacinth. Postals exchanged. Esther Marble.

Frankfort, Mich., Feb. 5, 1911.

Dear Mr. Park:—I have taken your Magazine for several years, and like to read the Children's Column. I am a farm girl 15 years old, and go to school. We have lots of horses, and I go horse-back riding often. I have a pet dog named Bobbie. Postals exchanged.

Rinard, Ill., Mar. 1, 1911. Amy S. Robertson.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am 10 years old and live near Blue Ridge Mountains. We can see the cottages on top of the Blue Ridge Mountains. I love flowers very much. Mamma has a Fern; also a Lily that grows two feet high, and now has a cluster of red flowers. What is it?

Luray, Va., Feb. 13, 1911. Jozie Judd.

Ans.—The so-called Lily is a kind of Amaryllis, probably A. Johnsonii.—Ed.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am seven years old, and very fond of flowers. I am also fond of the country, and go camping every summer. Mamma takes your Magazine and likes it. Santa brought us a large Columbia Graphophone last Christmas, and we think it great. Mary McDowling.

Swissvale, Pa., March 4, 1911.

Dear Editor:—Here comes a little Southern farm girl, so you see I got to hear the little birds all the time. The Mocking Bird is my favorite. One sits on our chimney nearly every day. We plant Cannas here and let them stay in the ground all winter. Etta Nichols, age 14.

Elmwood, La., March 24, 1911.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am 13 years old, and in the seventh grade. Papa has been a subscriber to your Magazine for three or four years. He finds it very instructive and useful. I also like to read it. I received the little Swiss clock some time ago. I find it to be a good timekeeper. It was very easy securing the ten subscribers.

Yours truly, Ethel Henderson.

Marion, Ill., Feb. 25, 1911.

Dear Mr. Park:—I take your Magazine and enjoy reading the letters very much. I can hardly wait for the next Magazine to come. I have a phonograph, and spend a great deal of time with it. I am fond of birds, and love to hear them sing. Wm. E. Shipley.

Tuscarawas Co., O., Mar. 15, 1911.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am 13 years old. I like your Magazine and enjoy your letters and the children's letters. I do not like bird-cats. Boys and men should not kill the little birds. It is cruel. Last year some little wrens built their nest by our house, but the English sparrows made them leave it. Anna Seal.

Columbus, Ind., Feb. 24, 1911.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am a boy of 16, and live on a farm of 230 acres. Next year I shall go to the high school. We have mules, cattle, chickens, guineas, sheep and about 50 goats, with little goats that are very cute. I will exchange post cards with boys and girls. Oclous Holt.

Iron City, Tenn., Feb. 13, 1911.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am a boy of 13, and am fond of flowers and the Magazine. I have a canary-bird named Doodler. He will stand on my hand and eat whatever I feed him. He will come out of the cage and walk all over the room. He is very cute. Postals exchanged. Robert Cusson.

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Dear Mr. Park:—We are twin sisters, age 16, and live on a farm of 50 acres, near Delaware City. We go two miles to school. Our aunt takes your Magazine, and we enjoy it. We have a pony and 50 chickens. We love flowers and music. Postals exchanged.

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Delaware, O., R. 4, B. 27, Mar. 5, 1911.

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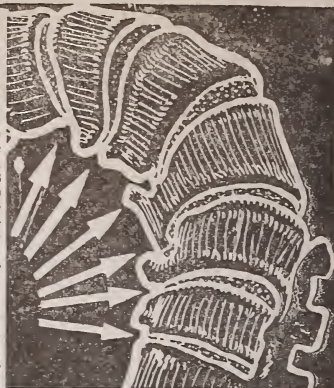
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Alice Parr.

Glenwood, Iowa, Feb. 19, 1911.
Dear Mr. Park:—I am a farm girl, 18 years old. We take your Magazine and like it well. My favorite flowers are Pansies and Moss Roses. Postals exchanged.
Effie Woodard.



McKenzie, Tenn., R. 1.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am a farm girl, 12 years old, and go to school. I have some small doves, also chickens, a dog and a calf. I like your Magazine very much, and am getting up a club to get the Swiss clock.
Emma Tuber.

Whippany, N. J., Feb. 15, 1911.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am a farm girl of 8 years. I love flowers, and we will have a large bed of them this summer. My Mamma takes your Magazine, and her mother took it many years before she died. Will exchange postals.
Maybelle Hart.

Hastings, Mich., Route 8, Feb. 15, 1911.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am a farm girl, 14 years old, and go to school. I have ridden to school every day this winter. Mamma and I are going to have a nice flower bed this summer. My favorites are Pansies and Sweet Peas. Postals exchanged.
Edina, Mo., R. 4, Feb. 27, 1911. Flora Mason.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am a farmer's daughter, 9 years old, and go 2½ miles to school. We have a lot of little white-faced calves, and I have 19 dolls, one of which is 2½ feet long. Mamma has been taking your Magazine for five or six years, and I like to read the other little girls' letters.
Golconda, Ill., R. 4, Feb. 27, 1911. Sylvia Seiner.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am a farmer's daughter 18 years old and enjoy reading your Magazine very much indeed. It is certainly interesting and instructive, not only upon matters relating to flowers, but upon other subjects that you write about. I should like to exchange postals or correspond with readers of my age.
St. Charles, S. C., Feb. 14, 1911. Jennie McCoy.

Dear Mr. Park:—I have been a crippled girl for nine years. My mamma and sisters bring in the flowers for me to look at, and I think they are beautiful. I appreciate your Magazine very much.
Pittsville, Md., Feb. 7, 1911. Lida E. Brittingham.

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Santa Ana, Calif., March 8, 1911.

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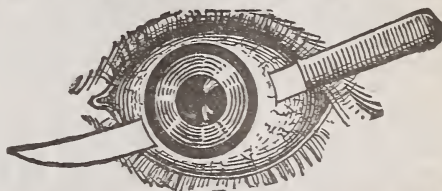
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Tolar, Tex., Feb. 27, 1911. Elizabeth Thomason.

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